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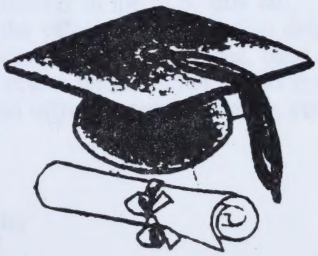

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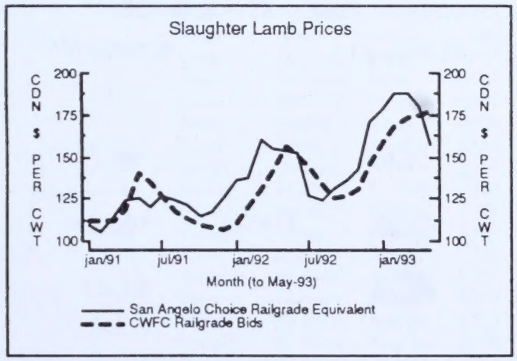
Lambs

Commentary

During most of May, Canada West railgrade bids remained at $175 per cwt or $84 per cwt on an equivalent live basis dropping to $165 per cwt at the end of the month. At the May 20 Edmonton auction, slaughter lambs sold for $80 to $87.50 per cwt with feeder lambs bringing from $82 to as much as $125 per cwt. Fort Macleod reports that recent shipments to eastern Canada saw light slaughter lambs weighing 70 to 85 pounds bring $85 per cwt and 95 to 110 pound slaughter lambs bring $81 per cwt.

As of May 15th, slaughter volumes at the Innisfail plant are down 21 per cent as compared to the



Note: May 93 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

same period last year at about 24,500 head. Canadian imports of lamb and mutton are up ten per cent at 3,893 tonnes as of May 7th with most of the increase coming as mutton but also substantial amounts as fresh boneless lamb.

U.S. markets continue to deal with surplus supplies of heavy old crop slaughter lambs which have sunk prices for heavy slaughter lambs to year ago levels. Prices for new crop slaughter lambs and feeders have also weakened but not as dramatically. U.S. East Coast wholesale prices for lamb carcasses under 55 pounds held firm at U.S. $155 per cwt or $195 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars. Prices for heavier carcasses declined about five dollars per cwt to range under US $145 per cwt.

Despite the fact that slaughter volumes are running eight per cent behind year ago levels, the total supply of lamb to the U.S. market is about the same as last year. This is because average slaughter weights are much higher and because imports from Australia and New Zealand are up almost 50 per cent. Much of the increase in imports is made up of higher valued fresh and boneless lamb cuts filling in the market for leaner cuts which come from lighter carcasses and are in relatively short supply.

Outlook

The downturn in U.S. slaughter lamb prices has so far had only a marginally effect on Canadian lamb markets since lambs are not fed out to the heavy weights currently seen in the United States. It is likely that Alberta lamb markets will follow a fairly normal seasonally decline in the next few months provided there is no strengthening of the Canadian dollar. Prices for feeder and slaughter lambs can be expected to show signs of strengthening as early as October when supplies of lambs in the U.S. are expected to tighten.

Because so many U.S. lamb producers have been hurt by this year's market, flock liquidation in the U.S. is likely to continue this year. Reduced U.S. production puts the outlook for Alberta lamb markets over the next few years in a very positive light.

Market Strategies

One cautionary note to producers who wish to target marketing of their slaughter lambs to later in the fall when prices are expected to improve. The gains in price may not offset the increased feeding costs of holding the lambs off the market nor offset possible discounts for quality if the lambs get too heavy. Heavy lambs will probably find a ready market in the U.S. this fall. However, if the value of the Canadian dollar increases relative to the U.S. dollar, then gains in U.S. market prices for slaughter lambs may not be sufficient to offset increased feeding costs in Canada.

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WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES FOR LAMBS

RAILGRADE BIDS AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C

WEEK ENDING:	07-May-93	14-May-93	21-May-93	28-May-93	SUMMARY
CURRENT MON					
May 1993	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.69	1.74
LAST MON					
Apr 1993	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.81	1.77
YR AGO MON					
May 1992	1.42	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.56
VOLUMES					
May 1993	1,292	1,178	1,362	1,321	5,153
May 1992	1,478	1,455	1,634	1,437	6,004

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES AND VOLUMES AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

SALE DATE:	03-May-93	10-May-93	17-May-93	25-May-93		SUMMARY
GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
May 1993	88.00	95.00	96.33	111.92		98.77
LAST MON						
Apr 1993	85.62	102.94	107.36	89.02	114.85	100.01
YR AGO MON						
May 1992	76.46	80.91	104.48	80.74		81.47
VOLUME	3	1	23	7		34
AVG WEIGHT	106.7	105.0	106.1	n/a		
GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
May 1993	132.41	124.67	126.02	118.39		123.82
LAST MON						
Apr 1993	115.66	112.41	136.38	118.05	132.88	126.90
YR AGO MON						
May 1992	96.48	100.52	104.32	99.33		101.00
VOLUME	30	87	138	117		372
AVG WEIGHT	84.5	85.9	87.8	86.1		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are railgrade bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at the Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay a $1 per head check-off to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission. The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

C.W.F.C. - Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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AS OF MAY 21, 1993

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Auction	170	105-115	Choice, Few Prime, Spring Pelts	61.00-65.00
California	Spring	Direct	4,500	105	Mixed Sl. & Feeder lambs, FOB overnight stand, May	63.00
California	Spring	Direct	3,000	90-95	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts, FOB overnite stand	59.00
California	Spring	Auction	695	55-95	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts	63.50-70.00
California	Sl. Ewes	Auction	230		Utility & Good, Wooled/shorn	20.75-29.50
MOUNTAIN						
Montana	Sl. Lambs	Auction	159	100-110	Choice, Few Prime, Shorn old crop	50.50-55.00
Wyoming	Sl. Lambs	Direct	2,700	135-165	Choice, Few Prime, YG 3-4, Shorn old crop, FOB 4%	44.00-55.00
Montana	Spring	Auction	351	70-120	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring Pelts	63.00-79.00
Colorado	Spring	Auction	587	60-99	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts	62.00-68.50
N. Mexico	Spring	Direct	1,000	55-60	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts, FOB overnite	60.00-62.00
N. Mexico	Feeders	Direct	500	55-60	Choice, Old crop, FOB overnight stand	48.00-52.00
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	850		Utility & Good, Wooled/shorn	25.00-37.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	393		Utility & Good, Wooled/shorn	25.00-31.50
Montana	St. Ewes	Auction	170		Few yearlings @ $71.00-75.00/hd, Mxd. Ages	47.50
Montana	St. Ewes	Auction	170		Mixed age ewes with lambs 5-15 lbs, (per unit)	45.00-52.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Oklahoma	Spring	Electronic	400	120	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Spring Pelts	60.00
Kansas	Spring	Auction	271	100-108	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Spring pelts, Dodge City	55.00-62.00
Kansas	Spring	Auction	568	35-90	Good & Choice, YG 1-3, Roasting, Colby	74.00-85.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auction	450	105-135	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, shorn old crop, S. Angelo	48.00-59.00
Texas	Spring	Auction	300	85-110	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Spring pelts, Goldthwaite	58.00-63.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Direct	3,300	110-125	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Shorn, FOB 4%	Previously Contracted
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Direct	7,000	110-130	Ch., Few Prime, YG 2-4, Shorn, Old crop, Yield basis	55.00-61.00
Texas	Spring	Direct	6,000	60-80	Choice & Fancy, New crop, Overnight stand	60.00-62.00
Texas	Feeders	Direct	1,000	80-85	Choice, Shorn old crop, Overnight stand	47.50-50.00
Texas	Spring	Auction	5,460	55-90	Choice & Fancy, Spring pelts, San Angelo	60.00-66.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	2,340	60-110	Choice & Fancy, Shorn old crop, San Angelo	50.00-54.00
Kansas	Feeders	Auction	300	40-81	Choice & Fancy, Spring pelts, Dodge City	59.00-71.00
Oklahoma	Spring	Auction	272	63-70	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts	66.00-77.00
Texas	Spring	Auctions	2,100	55-85	Ch. & Fncy Fdrs., Spring pelts, Goldthwaite/Junction	57.00-64.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Direct	500		Cull to Good, Mostly Utility, Shorn	20.00-38.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1,950		Good, San Angelo	33.00-40.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	4,290		Utility, San Angelo	31.00-42.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1,560		Cull, San Angelo	23.00-30.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	2,050		Utility & Good, Shorn, Goldthwaite/Junction	25.00-39.75
Kansas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	150		Utility & Good, Shorn, Colby	25.00-36.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	8,650		Yrlgs to 2's, Whiteface, Shorn, San Angelo, (Pr hd)	47.00-58.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
N. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	367	132	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Shorn old crop	57.00
Wisconsin	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	410	116	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Wooled/shorn/spring	63.00
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	355	128	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Spring/shorn old crop	60.00-62.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	383	102-124	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Spring pelts	62.00-64.75
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	627	110-134	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Wooled/shorn old crop	45.25-58.00
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	280	105-125	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, New crop	55.00-58.00
IA-S.MN	Sl. Lambs	Direct	3,150	106-160	Ch., Few Pr., YG 2-4, Shrn, 4%, .30 slide over 130	47.50-60.50
IA-S.MN	Sl. Lambs	Direct	1,000	130-140	Ch., Few Pr., YG 2-4, Wld., 4%, .30 slide over 130	45.00-59.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	375	123-135	Ch., Few Pr., YG 2-4, Spring pelts FOB 4%	58.00-62.00
Nebraska	Sl. Lambs	Auction	350	100-130	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Wooled/shorn	48.00-58.00
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Auction	138	110-138	Ch., Few Prime, YG 2-4, Shorn old crop, Kalona	54.50-62.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	210	46-79	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts, Sioux Falls	68.50-79.50
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	330	60-90	Choice & Fancy, Spring pelts	60.00-70.00
Missouri	Spring	Auction	121	50-95	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts, Mexico	53.50-71.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	480		Cull to Good, Wooled/shorn, Sioux Falls	18.50-31.50
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auction	284		Utility & Good, Kalona	23.00-34.50
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	190		Cull to Good, Wooled/shorn	16.00-28.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	346		Utility & Good, Newell	32.00-33.50
EASTERN						
Michigan	Spring	Auction	365	100-130	Choice, Few Prime, Spring pelts	60.00-67.00
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Pool	200	100-130	Ch., Few Pr., YG 2-4 O.C.: $2dis on shn $7 dis on wool	60.00-67.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	250	95-115	Choice, Few Prime YG 2-3 Spring pelts	68.00-71.50
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Auction	250	110-122	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-4, Shorn old crop	65.00-69.00
Virginia	Spring	Auctions	343	83-110	Choice, Few Prime, YG 1-3, Spring pelts	67.00-72.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	624	80-110	Choice, Few Prime, YG 2-3, Spring pelts	78.00-83.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	200	40-80	Good & Choice, YG 1-3, Roasting Lambs	80.00-100.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	158	60-85	Choice & Fancy Feeders, Spring pelts	65.00-74.00
Penn.	Sl. Ewes	Auction	353		Utility & Good, Wooled/shorn	25.00-40.00
Ohio	Sl. Ewes	Auction	100		Utility & Good	26.00-35.50

Source: ASI Market Information/USDA

WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET AND DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET

W/E 05/21/93		FOB OMAHA BASIS	CAF NORTHEAST	CAF SO. CALIF.
CARCASSES YG 1-4**				
	55/DN	$1.40	$1.45-1.50	
	55/DN YG 1-3	$1.60		$1.52 (carlot)
	60/DN YG 1-3	$1.60		$1.55-1.58
	55-65	$1.30	$1.35-1.40	
	60-65 YG 1-3	$1.60		$1.33-1.45
	65-75	$1.20	$1.25-1.35	**$1.27-1.35
	75/UP	$1.00	$1.05	
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2				
	55/DN			$1.44 (carlot)
	60/DN			$1.55-1.58
	55-65		$1.70	
	60-65			$1.36-1.45
	65-75			$1.30-1.35

		BOXED LAMB CUTS: YG 1-4** W/E 05/21/93		DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE W/E 05/21/93	
		VOLUME*	PRICE RANGE	N.E. COAST	SO. CALIF.
3 Way	55/DN	500	$1.65-1.67		
	**YG 1-3	400	$1.60-1.80		
	**CERT.	120	$1.73		
	55-65	700	$1.58-1.62		
	**YG 1-3	475	$1.55-1.80		
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN	100	$3.75	$3.20-3.50	
	7/UP	2525	M$3.75-3.90	$3.20-3.50	
	YG 1-3 7/UP				**$3.50-3.60
Shoulder, cross cut		1850	M$0.80-0.90	$0.80-0.95	
Chuck, sq cut, split		3000	M$1.00-1.10		**$0.95-1.00
Loin, 4 inch trim		2200	M$3.25-3.35	$3.20-3.35	**$3.20-3.40
Legs, dbl trtr on		1100	M$1.35-1.45	$1.30-1.45	**$1.55-1.60
Legs, sngl trtr off		1300	M$1.50-1.60		**$1.95-1.98
Legs, sngl bnls		300	M$2.35-2.40		
Breast, sq cut		950	M$0.29	$0.25-0.35	
Foreshanks		1700	M$1.15-1.35	$1.10-1.25	
Ribs, Denver style		100	$1.39-1.50		
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2					
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN				
	7/UP	150	$3.60-4.10		$3.60
Chuck, sq cut, split		525	$1.05-1.30		$0.95-1.00
Loins, 4 inch trim		300	$3.25-3.45		$3.40
Legs, dbl trtr on		FEW	$1.55-1.60		$1.60
Legs, sngl trtr off		150	$1.65-1.70		$1.95-1.98
Legs, sngl bnls		30	$2.35		
Breasts, sq cut		660	$0.49-0.70		
Foreshanks		90	$1.45-1.50		

*BOX COUNT, BASIS **YG 3 OR BETTER WHERE NOTED.

M = MOSTLY (not full price range)

COMMENTS

WHOLESALE CARCASS TRADE: Compared to last week, carcass prices CAF East Coast and FOB Omaha basis were mostly $5.00-$10.00 lower with 65-75 lbs carcasses $5.00- $15.00 lower. Heavy-weight carcasses continue to be a drag on the market. Trade was slow with moderate offerings and light demand. In southern California, 60/down carcasses were steady; 60-65 lb. carcasses were unevenly $3.00-$12.00 lower; and 65-75 lb. carcasseswere unevenly $3.00-$8.00 lower. Certified Genuine Spring lamb carcasses generally are showing a $5.00-$10.00 premium over old-crop carcasses.

Carcasses *Certified* by USDA Week Ending 05/21/93: 14,796, 15.6 percent estimated slaughter.

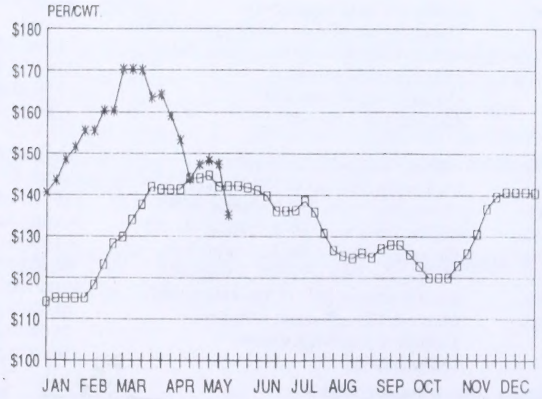
USDA CUTOUT VALUE, Week Ending 05/14/93: NORTHEAST TRADE, BASED ON INDUSTRY YIELDS. This week's cutout for 65/down carcasses was valued at $148.43, down $6.67. The 65/up carcasses were valued at $146.73, down $6.68. Note: no adjustments were made for processing or distributing costs.

NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUT TRADE: Compared to last week, boxed lamb cuts traded steady to lower, except for loins which ranged steady to firm. Chucks and shoulders were unevenly steady while racks and legs trended weak to lower.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE: In the Northeast distributive trade, 55/down carcasses sold $3.00-$4.00 lower than last week at $162.00-$166.00. Lamb cuts traded steady to lower except for loins and chucks. Loins sold mostly steady on a good demand, while chucks sold mostly firm. Racks traded lower on an unsettled market. Other cuts were mostly steady. Movement was slow on moderate offerings and a light demand. In southern California, distributive trade cut prices were mostly lower except 4" trimmed loins which were 15-20 cents higher. Chucks were steady, legs sold 5-12 cents lower and hotel racks were off 30 cents. Trading and demand were light.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE YG 1-4 W/O KPH
PRIOR TO 7/18/92 ALL WEIGHTS W/KPH



SOURCE: ASI MARKET INFORMATION / USDA

92 YG 1-4 93 YG 1-4

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 05/08/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
SHEEP	96,000	+1.1	+1.9	99,412	1,993,000	-7.9
CATTLE	681,000	+2.4	+0.4	656,053	12,390,000	-0.7
CALF	21,000	-4.5	-16.9	20,806	475,000	-12.9
HOGS	1,694,000	-1.6	-0.3	1,802,715	35,695,000	-1.5

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 05/01/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
LAMB	6.1	+0.9	+1.7	6.3	128.0	-6.4
BEEF	454.3	+2.3	-3.5	436.2	8395.8	-1.1
VEAL	4.7	-3.1	-20.3	4.8	104.3	-12.9
PORK	311.4	-1.5	+0.5	334.7	6505.8	+0.9
TOTAL	776.5	+0.7	-2.0	782.0	15,133.9	-0.3

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	64	05/07/93	94.0
05/01/93 (ACT.)	66	05/09/92	93.2

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June 14 — ***THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS*** *are having their annual WOOL/MOHAIR collections, at the Calgary Stockyards (Highway 1 - 1 mile west of Strathmore) from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, contact Bill Jackson (931-3514) and Red Deer (Burnt Lake Auction) from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, contact Art or Linde Wiebe (782-2748). This is coordinated by the Central Alberta Wool Growers Association. Please note: Red Deer (Burnt Lake Auction) - there will be a further collection on August 16, 1993 from 9 AM to 3 PM. The freight charges to Lethbridge on all wool received will be absorbed by C.C.W.G. The initial price for wool/mohair has yet to be determined.*

June 24 — ***RANGE RAM & EWE LAMB SALE.*** *Fort Macleod Auction, 1 P.M. Contact George Bourassa at 553-3315 (office) or 553-2196 (home)*

June 26 — ***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

June 26 — ***WOOL PICK-UP - LLOYDMINSTER AREA!*** *10 A.M. - 4 P.M., Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Marketing Centre (Wheat Pool Stockyards). Initial payments are as follows:- Domestic Grades - $.10/lb and Range Grades - $.25/lb. Woll weighed at C.C.W.G. warehouse. Initial payments issued promptly. Supplies will be available. If special supplies are needed please call us prior to June 26th and we will bring them. Call C.C.W.G., Stony Plain, 963-4343 to let us know the amount of wool bags so we can have the proper size of truck available for loading. Any further information do not hesitate to give the Stony Plain office a call.*

July 1-3	***MANITOBA SHEEP ASSOCIATION, 8TH ANNUAL SUMMER SHEEP SHOW AND SALE.*** *Dauphin Fair, Dauphin Fair Grounds, Dauphin, Manitoba. Show - Friday, 2:00 P.M., Sale - Saturday, 1:30 P.M. Contact - Dennis Hollyoake, Ochre River, Manitoba, 204-638-7426.*
July 3	***19TH ANNUAL ALERTA RAM TEST SALE.*** *1:00 P.M. Olds Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta. For further information call Kim Stanford at 948-8517 or 381-5150.*
July 3	***ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS WILD ROSE AND ROP SALE*** *of seedstock quality purebred sheep. Olds Cow Palace, Olds, Alberta. For more information please contact Gail Dietz at 295-2185.*
July 7	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
July 14-17	***LLOYDMINSTER COLONIAL DAYS SHEEP SHOW*** *- Introducing 'The Identifiable Parentage Program', Phase One - "Meat Trait Tracker". This program will identify sires who pass on desired traits for the sheep industry and thereby provide the consistency and quality of product demanded by the consumer. Over $2,000 in prize money, limited to the first 6 paid entries received. Thanks to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission for their support. July 14 & 15 - Meat Trait Tracker Show, July 15 - $1,000 Market Lamb Jackpot Show sponsored by Sask. Wheat Pool Livestock Divison, Lloydminster, July 16 - Junior Shepherd and Futurity Shows, July 17 - Shearing Competition (1st place - $500). For prize lists and information on these activities contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, S9V 0Y7, phone 306-825-5571.*

July 17	***1993 ALBERTA LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION LEAN LAMB FIELD DAY & ANNUAL HAYS PASTURE & SOUTHERN ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDER'S BBQ.*** *Lethbridge Research Station. Lean Lamb Field Day & Carcass Display 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Hays Pasture and SASB BBQ 5:00 P.M. - ???. $10.00 includes lunch and the Lean Lamb Field Day. Tickets to the Hays Pasture BBQ available at the door. Unlimited seating available for Field Day, but if you want to eat the fabulous lunch or supper, please contact Kim Stanford at 381-5150 by July 9th.*
July 31	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
July 31 - August 1	***SHEEP EXTRAVAGANZA*** *- sanctioned by the Sask. Sheep Breeders Association. Sale of all major breeds of purebred ewes and rams, pens of commercial replacement ewes and ewe lambs. Other activities include a Junior Show, Trade and Craft Show, Photography Competition, Made It Myself Good Idea Contest and a Market Lamb Pen Competition. Sheep arrival by 3 P.M. Saturday, July 31, Sale at 2 P.M. Sunday, August 1. For prize lists and information on these activities contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, S9V OY7, phone 306-825-5571.*
August 4	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
August 4-6	***FIBERFEST, THE FORUM.*** *Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Join us for 2 and 1/2 days of intensive workshops featuring your favorite artists and instructors in all types of fiber, fiber-related and business courses to enhance and excite you about the natural fiber industry and fashion. For complete details contact the Fiberfest, Ltd. office at Fiberfest 1993, Box 112, Hastings, MI 49058 or call (616) 765-3047.*

August 7-8	***FIBERFEST, THE FESTIVAL.*** *Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Join us for demonstrations, shows, competition and workshops. For complete details contact the Fiberfest, Ltd. office at Fiberfest 1993, Box 112, Hastings, MI 49058 or call (616) 765-3047.*
August 12-15	***DAWSON CREEK FALL FAIR.*** *Something for everyone - country & city folk alike. Parades, BBQ's, pancake breakfasts, talent night. Shows in heavy & light horse, cattle, sheep, goats & 4-H competitions. There are also craft, home baking & gardening competitions. There are educational displays, shearing & herding demonstrations. Free events for children throughout the fair. Full midway, fireworks, Little Britches rodeo and 3 days of NAR & BCRA sanctioned rodeo events PLUS a concert by 'EXILE'. Come & experience the fun & hospitality in northeastern B.C. We offer an action packed FULL weekend here in Dawson Creek. See you all in August! For more information please phone Brad or Victoria Manson, (604) 843-7185 or write to us for a prize book here in Arras, B.C., VOC 1BO.*
August 28	***CHINOOK ALL BREED GOAT SALE*** *at Olds College in sheep barn. For more information contact sale committee, Carolyn Brocca, 756-3309 or Cathy Prince, 938-4227.*
August 28	***THE PROGRESSIVE SHEEP BREEDERS SALE*** *consisting of commercial & purebred sheep is planned for 1 P.M. at the Olds Livestock Pavilion, Olds, Alberta. For more information call Gordon Fulton, Bowden, at 224-3753 or Warren Moore, Stavely at 549-2464.*
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September 18-19	***LAMBS IN LACOMBE.*** *"Renaissance Theme" - The complete sheep fair. Lots of fun for the whole family - Lean Lamb Field Day, Fashion Show, Fleece Competition, Jr. Sheep Show, Trade Show, Childrens Barn, Dog Trials and Sheep Production Display. Watch for the various contests. For more information contact Edith Williams at 403-784-3511.*
September 25	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
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November 5-14	***EDMONTON NORTHLANDS WOOL COMPETITION.*** *Entries close September 24, 1993. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class. There will be five classes including a coloured class. Fleeces to be received at Edmonton Northlands, November 4, 1993. For further information contact - Doug Laurie, Box 13, Site 10, R R #4, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-6711 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G OE3, 436-5992.*
November 25-27	***1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM.*** *Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta. Watch future issues for more details.*
November 27	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

Letters — Your Opinion

May 22, 1993

Editor
Sheep Footnotes

Dear Sir:

There was a retirement from Canada West that seems to have gone by without any acknowledgement. This may be because the person retiring wanted to escape without notice or he thought may be there would be a stampede to help him pack up. Either way, Randy Westergaard has retired.

Randy had been employed at the plant for approximately 18 years, right from the start. I will use the word employed as there were days I wondered if he was really working. That's 18 years of contribution to the Alberta Sheep Industry, which puts him in exclusive company, there are not that many people that can say that.

The last nine or ten years as head buyer, were I would guess, the most exciting. Being told how good a producers lambs were, how they always weighed exactly what the plant wanted them to weigh, and of course, perfectly finished. That the lambs would either be ready in a week or were ready last week, etc., etc. NOT

Randy had to put up with a lot, some he may have deserved, lots he did not. I think lots was as a result of what he was told to do by his Bosses. I found if you were fair with Randy, he did his best to be fair with you. He always returned your phone call, sometimes the next day if he knew you were upset, but he called back.

Randy has retired to his camp ground west of Innisfail. I am told if you show up wanting to spend the night, and do not mention the word lamb, you may get a discount.

Thanks very much Randy, good luck with the camp ground.

Yours truly,

Pat Barott

19TH ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

Saturday, July 3th

Olds Cow Palace **Olds, Alberta**

Ram viewing at 10:30 am
Sale begins at 1:00 pm

Featuring performance tested ram lambs indexing above 100 (above average for their breed). A limited number of yearling wool breeds rams also available.

Rams of Dorset, Suffolk, Polypay
Hampshire and Rambouillet
breeds offered for sale

For more information contact:

Kim Stanford
Bag 3014
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7
Phone - (403) 381-5150
Fax - (403) 382-4526

Want to buy a ram, but can't attend the sale? Contact Kim for information on written bids

Alberta
AGRICULTURE

Wild Rose Sale immediately after Ram Test Sale

SAME DAY SAME PLACE

THREE MAJOR SHEEP EVENTS

1993 Alberta Lamb Carcass Competition
Lean Lamb Field Day & Annual Hays Pasture
& Southern Alberta Sheep Breeder's BBQ

Saturday, July 17th
Lethbridge Research Station

Lean Lamb Field Day & Carcass Display 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Hays Pasture and SASB BBQ 5:00 pm - ???

Evaluate live market lambs and compare your results to their carcasses and expert opinions

Demonstration of ultrasound for predicting carcass quality in live lambs

Presentations on nutrition, genetics, marketing for production of lean, desirable lambs

Display of top Alberta carcasses & awarding of Alberta prizes for National Carcass Competition

TWO fabulous lamb meals - lunch and supper

$10.00 Includes lunch and the Lean Lamb Field Day

Tickets to the Hays Pasture BBQ available at the door

Unlimited seating available for Field Day, but IF YOU WANT TO EAT THE FABULOUS LUNCH OR SUPPER, PLEASE CONTACT KIM STANFORD AT 381-5150
BY JULY 9TH

CANADIAN NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

1993 ENTRY RULES

1. Entries are limited to two lamb carcasses per operation.

2. A non-refundable entry fee of $20.00 per lamb is payable to the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency.

3. The deadline for entries (postmarked) is July 2, 1993.

4. Lambs may be ewes, rams or wethers.

5. Lambs are permitted a maximum of 1 (one) permanent incisor.

6. Lambs must be slick sheared.

7. All lambs will be photographed live (side and rear views).

8. All Alberta lambs officially entered will be assembled at Canada West Food of Innisfail on Monday, July 12 between 8 and 11 A.M.

9. Any carcasses less than 14.0 kg or any carcasses weighing more than 25.0 kg will be disqualified from competition. Lamb carcasses scoring a "C", "M", or "Y" will be disqualified from competition (see accompanying Point Formula Chart IV).

10. The national judging sub-committee will determine the national winning entries.

11. The national grand prize for the winning carcass is $300.00, 2nd prize $200.00, 3rd, 4th and 5th prizes $100.00 each.

    The top five lambs will be sold as whole carcasses. The remaining carcasses will be broke and auctioned as legs, loins, racks, shoulders, etc. All cuts will be weighed and money distributed appropriately.

12. The two carcasses from each regional/provincial location achieving the highest number of points will be air-freighted to Pearson International Airport, Toronto, and the top five carcasses will be displayed at Sheep Focus '93, in Napanee, Ontario.

13. Photographs of live lambs, carcasses, identity of exhibitors and any other relevant data may be used by the national committee for any research, publicity or any other use as deemed by the national committee.

CANADIAN NATIONAL LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION

1993 ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Farm Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

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Number of Lambs	Breed or Cross	Judging Location	Entry Fee
			$
			$
Total Entry Fee Enclosed			$

National Competition

Grand Prize $300; 2nd Price $200; 3rd Prize $100
4th Prize $100; 5th Prize $100
Le-Do Sheep Company has donated a trophy for the top carcass.

ALBERTA COMPETITION

Prizes for Alberta winning carcasses will be announced at a later date, but should at least equal the National Competition prizes

Regional Competition Locations

BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes

- 1993 entry fee is $20.00/lamb carcass. Limit of two entries per sheep operation.
- Rules of entry and judging criteria available on request from the Canadian Sheep Federation office (613-989-3801) or your Provincial Sheep Organization/Specialist.
- Entry fee cheque should be made payable to the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, and mailed to the Agency at 50 Dovercliffe Rd., Unit 13, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 3A6. (519)836-0043

This competition is coordinated by the Canadian Sheep Federation, Agriculture Canada, Provincial Sheep Organization and Government Sheep Specialists

National winning carcasses will be displayed July 16 and 17, 1993 at the Napanee Fair Grounds, Napanee, Ontario, during Sheep Focus '93

Alberta winning carcasses will be displayed July 17, 1993 at the Lean Lamb Field Day in Lethbridge

Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association

#212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 7H7
(403) 295-2185 Fax: (403) 275-8009

"ALBERTA SHEPHERDS RECOGNITION"

Like the rest of agriculture, the sheep industry is in a period of great change. But, there is one thing that does stay the same. PEOPLE!! People who work for the advancement of the industry and other shepherds, be they novice or veteran. Businessmen, shearers, instructors, Alberta Agriculture personnel, shepherds as well as people who just like to help make up this group.

With these thoughts in mind, the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association invites you to submit the names of these outstanding individuals and some information on how they have contributed to the success of the sheep industry so that they can receive formal recognition of their deeds.

The A.S.B.A. will present these awards to deserving individuals on an annual or bi-annual basis.

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATORS NAME: _____ _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(The above information is important so that we may contact you if further information is required.)

NOMINEES NAME: _____

FARM NAME/OR BUSINESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **POSTAL CODE** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ATTACH BIOGRAPHY:

PLEASE SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION, ATTN: GAIL DIETZ, #212, 6715 - 8TH STREET N.E., CALGARY, ALBERTA T2E 7H7, PHONE 295-2185, FAX 275-8009. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

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Three ALBERTA SHEPHERD RECOGNITION AWARDS were presented at the ASWC Forum held in Red Deer in November 1992. Following is the biography of John Wills, one of the recipients. The biographies of the other recipients will follow in future issues of 'Footnotes'.

JOHN WILLS

Fifty years ago the Calgary Fall Sale was one of the 'big events' for Southern Alberta Sheep Producers. From that sale each year several car loads of rams left by rail for U.S.A. While I was trimming rams for that sale in 1940, a young man in uniform of the Canadian Army offered to help. That soldier was John Wills. He reminded me last eve that quote "We trimmed 50 sheep that night for $1/head - you trimmed the heads & I the rear ends".

John Wills had come to Canada in 1924, from northern England where his family had long raised sheep and light and heavy horses. In Alberta he became known as an all-round super stock-man. By the '50's he was employed by Dalbo Realities Ltd., where he was responsible for the purebred Shorthorn cattle, the light horses and his own pigs. By 1957 he was resident shepherd at Dalbo where he established a Suffolk flock based on Birchland sires (bred by Doug Piggot of Parsons, B.C.) and a ram and 10 ewes bought from the Arthur Grenville flock in Alberta. The same year he bought most of the Fowler Suffolk ewes.

This was the foundation of the Gary Kolno Suffolk flock which he exhibited for Dalbo with real success at major shows from the P.N.E. in B.C. to the Toronto Royal Winter Fair - over several years.

John has always had an eye for good livestock - interested in not only show but breed characteristics of the animals. He has judged all kinds of livestock - horses and sheep mostly.

Now in his "golden years" he and his wife Rilla travel a bit - they have been to the Canadian North 3 times; recently returned from Alaska.

John has visited the Royal Highland Show 4 times since leaving Britain. In speaking with him last evening he said "I liked all kinds of animals, but I really enjoyed my sheep experience!"

SATURDAY, JULY 3RD, 1993

OLDS COW PLACE
OLDS, ALBERTA, CANADA

WILD ROSE
REGISTERED
SHEEP SALE

FEATURED BREED...SUFFOLKS

{98 ENTRIES} SUFFOLKS, DORSETS, HAMPSHIRES, N.C. CHEVIOTS, RAMBOUILLETS

SUFFOLKS

FEATURED BREED {38}

CHESTER FOWLER - 4 ENTRIES

1 Yearling Ewe
2 Senior Ewe Lambs
1 Senior Ram Lambs

CLARENCE JONES - 4 ENTRIES

3 Jr. Ewe Lambs
1 Jr. Ram Lamb

MATEJKA - 12 ENTRIES

9 Ewe Lambs
3 Yearling Rams

OLDS COLLEGE - 6 ENTRIES

6 Jr. Ewe Lambs

PEGGY NEWMAN - 3 ENTRIES

2 Yearling Ewes
1 Yearling Ram

SUFFOLKS CONTINUED

M.J. STEPHEN - 4 ENTRIES

3 Jr. Ewe Lambs
1 Jr. Ram Lamb

EDITH WILLIAMS - 5 ENTRIES

4 Yearling Ewes
1 Yearling Ram

DORSETS {37}

COYOTE ACRES
PATRIC LYSTER - 4 ENTRIES

1 Jr. Ram Lamb
3 Jr. Ewe Lambs

EDYMORE DORSETS
GORDON FULTON - 8 ENTRIES

6 Senior Ewe Lambs
1 Yearling Ram
1 Senior Ram Lamb

DORSETS CONTINUED...

JOYCE MCCART - 7 ENTRIES

6 Ewe Lambs
1 Yearling Ram

EARL MISENOR - 14 ENTRIES

2 Senior Ram Lambs
8 Senior Ewe Lambs
4 Jr. Ewe Lambs

JOHN WILLIAMS - 4 ENTRIES

3 Yearling Ewes
1 Yearling Ram

HAMPSHIRES {8}

PEGGY NEWMAN - 8 ENTRIES

2 Yearling Ewes
6 Jr. Ewe Lambs

NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOTS {5}

PEGGY NEWMAN - 1 ENTRY

1 Yearling Ewe

W.W. STEPHEN - 4 ENTRIES

3 Jr. Ewe Lambs
1 Yearling Ram

RAMBOUILLETS {10}

AMY-ROB RAMBOUILLETS
JACKSONS - 4 ENTRIES

1 Yearling Ram
2 Yearling Ewes
1 Jr. Ewe Lamb

OLDS COLLEGE - 6 ENTRIES

6 Jr. Ewe Lambs

FOR PEDIGREE INFO, BOOTH SPACE $50 + GST, OR TO RECEIVE THE WILD ROSE SALE CATALOGUE CONTACT GAIL DIETZ, MANAGER: ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION - 212, 6715 8 ST N.E. CALGARY, AB T2E 7H7 PH: (403) 295-2185 FAX: (403) 275-8009. THANK YOU.

ALSO SAME DAY...SAME PLACE

19TH ANNUAL
ALBERTA
RAM TEST STATION SALE

Performance Tested Rams Which Index Above 100

DORSET, SUFFOLK, POLYPAY, HAMPSHIRE & RAMBOUILLET

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

KIM STANFORD
Sheep Specialist
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service 3014
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, AB T1J 4C7

PH: 381-5150 FAX: 382-4526

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

REGISTERED SUFFOLK, Dorset & Romanov/Dorset cross ram lambs. Available after June 1. Also a good selection of ewe lambs. Dennis, Red Water, 942-4537 (6)

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REGISTERED ROMANOVS - 2 ewes, 4 ewe lambs. Due April 10. Bred registered. Can't accommodate much longer. Lovely. Laurie West, Mayerthorpe, 648-2244 (6)

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1 PUREBRED registered Suffolk ram from triplets. 4 yr old, $125. 1 - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 Romanov ram from quads, 3 yr old, $100. Cliff, Camrose, 672-1699 (evenings) (6)

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POLYPAY EWE lambs & yearling ewes - all Canadian registered or registerable. Also, get your orders in early for '93 ewe lambs. Pete or Leslie Lawson, Thirsty Fox Farms Ltd., Okotoks, 938-7581 or Fax 938-6246 (6)

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8 COLUMBIA cross white face lambs (4 ram lambs). Helen, Sherwood Park, 467-3189 (late evening) (6)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ewe lambs & rams. 25 yrs of ROP testing. Clean flock. Brian, Spruce View, 728-3744 (6)

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REGISTERED & commercial Suffolk ewe lambs & purebred ram lambs. ROP tested. Clean flock. Bonnie & Stirling, Spruce View, 728-3787 (6)

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15 EXCELLENT breeding ewes. Twins & triplets. William, Medicine Hat, 527-8089 (late evenings) (6)

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DO YOU need a top quality ram, but at an economy price, then great news for you. As it's time for us to replace our stud rams, these are the rams that were Grand Champions, produced Grand Champions and helped build our flock to where it is today. We have the following rams for sale - 4 Suffolks, 2 Hampshires, 2 Rambouillets, 2 North Country Cheviots and 2 Columbias. Aged 2-4 yrs. Priced to sell. Call now, Warren Moore, c/o Moore-Hauser Sheep & R.J. Shown Co. at 549-2464, Stavely. Delivery can be arranged. (6)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Suffolks, Hampshires, Dorsets & North Country Cheviots. Limited yearling rams available. For best selection book early. Contact D.R. Cadsand, Edenvale Farms, 843-3537 or D & E Cadsand, 843-6253, Rimbey (6)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has for sale quality Texel/Dorset/Finn, Finn/Dorset and purebred Finn ewes & rams from multiple births. Flock is on ROP. Visitors are welcome. Call Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (6)

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1 - 3 YR old purebred Suffolk ram. Also black lamb. Ready for June. Ingrid, Namao, 973-7189 (6)

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4 MONTH old horn Dorset ram - $175.00. On the rare breeds list. Spicer Wynndel, Lister, B.C. 604-866-5402 (6)

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24 SUFFOLK ewe lambs. Open. Carmen, Bonnyville, 826-2185 (6)

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WINDHOVER FARM will have a small flock of de-registered polled Dorset ewes for sale this June. These ewes are healthy, reproductively sound, twin often, and lamb once a year, but are unable to stay on our accelerated schedule. They will be sheared, trimmed, wormed, and ready for fall breeding. For further information call Pete or Joyce McCart, Spruce View, 728-3035 (6)

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EWE LAMBS, 10 Texel/Dorset/Romanov cross and 10 Suffolk lambs available. Gwen, Bawlf, 373-2616 (6)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. Good quality commercial ewes. Records available. Increasing purebred flock. Pasu Farms, Carstairs, 337-2800 (6)

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TRECO RANCH is reducing its commercial flock from 600 to 300. Ewes priced to quality & quantity. Purebred Romanov ram lambs. Ready for service this fall. Also a few half & 3/4 cross Texel lambs for sale. Call Andrew at 749-2191 or Tom at 749-2280, Lousana. (6)

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ADD SOME vigor & spirit to your lamb crop by breeding to a Scottish black face ram. Ewes & rams for sale. Bill, Calgary, 931-3514 (6)

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CANADA/ALBERTA Livestock Research Trust Inc. For Sale By Tender. A total of 40 halfbred Romanov/Dorset weaned ewe lambs born March/April as follows: 28 Dorset X Romanov ewe lambs born triplets-quin-tuplets and 12 Romanov X Dorset ewe lambs born single-triplets. Please tender your offer on a 'per head' basis. State the total number required and cross preferred. Highest bid takes first choice. Remaining ewe lambs will be available to follow-up bidders on the same basis. Tenders must be received in writing by 2 P.M. on June 1st, 1993. Successful bidders will be notified by telephone/fax on June 1st. Lambs must be collected/shipped by June 11, 1993. Send to: Ewe Lamb Tenders, Attn: Charmaine Woloshuk, Livestock Sciences Section, Research Station, Box 3000 Main, Lethbridge, T1J 4B1 (6)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 75 purebred registered Suffolk ewes, 25 purebred registered North Country Cheviot ewes. Lambed in January. Contact Alan, 967-5177 (After 10 PM) (7)

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2 SUFFOLK rams - not registered. 2 yrs old - $150 O.B.O. Hilda, Sangudo, 785-2103 (evenings) (7)

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4 JANUARY born lambs. Romanov cross. $55 each. Lorna, Ardrossan, 922-4523 (After 5 PM) (7)

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YEARLING RAM. Tendency to throw black lambs. Darbi, Lougheed, 386-2357 (7)

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10 SUFFOLK cross ewes. 3-4 yr olds. Excellent health, past records available - $50 each. Chestermere area near Calgary. Chris, 272-9090 (7)

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REGISTERED ROP Hampshire rams, ewes, lambs. Quality flock. Albert, 100 Mile House, B.C., 604-395-3508 (7)

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2 YEARLING rams - 3/4 Romanov, 1/4 Highland Cheviot, 3 dry ewes - Romanov/Highland Cheviot cross. Gene, Ponoka, 783-4941 (7)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. Suffolk, 60 ewes, 2 rams - $80/head - your choice. 2-5 yrs old. Lorna, Olds, 556-2007 (7)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country Cheviot ram, 2 yrs old - $125.00. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (7)

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EWE LAMBS. Born January. Healthy. All shots. Marg, Stettler, 742-0986 (7)

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RETIREMENT IS getting closer all the time & we're cutting our flock down to 10 this year. We have for sale about 35 Romney & Romney cross ewes with or without lambs. Some colored. We will also have ewe lambs for sale this fall. Excellent wool producers from a healthy clean closed flock. Esther, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (7)

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5 ADULT ewes, 1 - 2 yr old male. All Finn crosses. Will sell individually or as group for $1300. Esabelle Hine, Stony Plain, 963-4023 (No Saturday calls) (7)

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CLUN FOREST ram lambs. Breed these rams to your ewe lambs for easy lambing and multiple births. Crosses are prolific & thrifty. Also have a few registered ewe lambs available. Dennis Lapierre, Habitat Farm, Falkland, B.C., 604-379-2642 (7)

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PUREBRED, NON-registered Jacob ram lamb - very good bloodlines. Born Feb 18/93. $200.000. D. Adams, Creston, B.C., 604-428-7840 (7)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. Finn/Suffolk cross. Healthy, closed flock consisting of 6 ewes, 10 lambs born spring of '93 & 1 - 2 yr old ram. All shots. Asking $1100.00 for entire flock. Jim, Millet, 387-4066 (7)

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17 YEARLING white face ewes (with lambs at side). All ewes are twins or triplets. 1 registered Suffolk ram (3 yrs) and 1 registered Rambouillet ram (4 yrs). B. Buijs, Didsbury, 335-9959 (7)

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3 YR old purebred Suffolk ram (Waco-Goldstrike) & 2 yr old, December born purebred Dorset ram (Kasur DM), $150 each O.B.O. 200% lamb crop available for inspection. Also Feb/Mar born ewe lambs (1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 Columbia or 3/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Rambouillet). Lange, High River, 652-2278 (7)

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80 EWES, 1-4 yr olds. Suffolks, Dorsets & crosses. 6 yrs of records. 195% lambing crop. Good clean flock. Also 20 ewe lambs. Dorsets & Suffolks. Twin & triplet born. John, Didsbury, 335-9155 (7)

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DISPERSAL - 52 ewes, 1 registered Suffolk ram & 1 Polypay ram. Romanov/Finn/Suffolk crosses. 224% lamb crop. Healthy flock - no culls. $5000.00. Karen, High Prairie, 523-3795 (7)

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100+ TWIN & triplet crossbred ewe lambs, Jan-Mar born. Bred to Romanov/Suffolk ram & some to Border Leicester for better wool quality. Also have some black Border Leicester cross rams. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (7)

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PUREBRED RAMS & ewe lambs. Gordon, Bowden, 224-3753 (7)

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SUFFOLK/DORSET cross ewes. Lee, Bittern Lake, 352-2949 (7)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

1 YEAR old pure white Saanen/Nubian cross goat. Very large. Gabriel, Drayton Valley, 542-3007 (6)

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BILLY - $90. 2 nannies - $100 each & 3 kids - $30 each. For more information call Karen, Elnora, 773-3104 (6)

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USA TOURS CUTBLOCKS

BC grazing projects, summer home to thousands of Alberta sheep, have attracted the attention of our neighbours to the south. So much so that a large delegation of Americans will be touring forestry grazing sites in BC this summer.

What most amazes American visitors is that Canadian producers get *paid* for the use of their sheep. In contrast, American producers face ever-increasing hikes in the fees levied for grazing public lands. The American sheep industry is also faced with relentless pressure from environmental groups who wish to have all livestock removed from public lands.

The American delegation is made up of representatives of the American Sheep Industry Association, the US Department of Agriculture, the US Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. The tour, scheduled for the 18th to the 22nd of June, is hosted by the Commission.

SHEEP NOT SPARED

Alberta Government cutbacks hit the sheep industry in this year's budget. Most affected are the Predator Indemnity Program, which has been cancelled, and the Sheep Technician Program, which has been halved.

The reduction in technician time means that by the time the 1993 Grazing Health Protocol inspections are done, technicians will have very little time left for extension work. In 1994, however, it is expected that the grazing project health inspections will have to be paid for by the contractors. What this will mean for the allocation of technician time remains to be seen.

Considering the cutbacks to other agricultural commodities, it was inevitable that the sheep industry would get a whiff of the axe. Even with these program reductions, however, Alberta remains the best in Canada when it comes to government support for the provincial sheep industry.

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BACKGROUNDER USA

Even though the overall American lamb supply is down and slaughter plants are operating at less than capacity, the fragile nature of the North American lamb market was once again exposed as US lamb prices took a nosedive. It all boils down to weather delaying the growth of lambs as well as their subsequent delivery into the marketing chain.

As large as the American lamb market appears to us, it is highly organized and very sensitive to the slightest disruption, delay, or change in the weather. When something happens, prices can climb quickly or drop just as fast or faster. Though it's hard to believe, a shortage or surplus of 10,000 lambs a week can have drastic consequences for lamb prices, and that's in a market that handles 9 million lambs a year.

It all started as early as last January, when California lambs were late coming into Denver area feedlots and packing plants. The delay created a shortage which ran the price up. However, as the California lambs finally became market-ready, they backed into supplies from other parts of the country. Lambs then began to be held back in feedlots--and guess what became bigger and fatter by the day on cheap corn? It's now expected we'll be well into July before the glut is absorbed. In the meantime, US lamb prices have fallen as much as $10 below this time last year.

PRICE OF LAMB SLIPS

This year, spring prices for Alberta lamb have been relatively stable, but are now beginning to move down. Though our price didn't quite reach the highs experienced by the US market earlier this year, Alberta prices have been, and remain, good from the producer's point-of-view.

During the last week of May, Canada West's price slipped to $1.69/lb for new crop lambs grading A1/A2 on the rail. This represented a decline from the relatively steady spring price of $1.75/lb (with a brief spike to $1.81/lb). The current price is still 34% higher (about average for most years) than last fall's basement price of $1.26/lb

Over the long term, the outlook for Alberta lamb prices looks promising. Because the US lamb birth rate is at its lowest in many years, fewer lambs will be available this fall and winter. All things being equal, the diminished US supply should help prevent a dramatic decline in the price of lamb here in Alberta.

UPS 'N DOWNS

Alberta's Sheep Industry Task Force has identified several reasons behind the seasonality of the lamb price, which seems to be directly related to the seasonality of the lamb supply. These are: The reproductive biology of the sheep; the cost of building and operating winter lambing facilities; the expense of wintering a lamb crop; the difficulty of fall lambing at northern latitudes; and the frustration of breeding to hit the high-priced spring market, since it's a target that moves every year.

WOOLAWAY!

The Australians could do the world market a favour if they would burn their 4 million-bale wool stockpile (if wool would burn). That would be the logical approach. Instead, however, Australia is providing a $25 million subsidy to wool producers to keep them in the business of growing more wool the world doesn't need. (Reminds me of growing grain in Canada.)

Needless to say, last year's rising wool market became history around last July, and it's been downhill ever since. American wool pools held for a time, hoping for a better price; but in the end, prices averaged 60 cents and lower for whiteface range types, to 45 cents and lower for blackface domestic types.

Since buyers in a depressed market show little enthusiasm for new business, buying activity in Alberta has been limited. There was a flurry of activity in January in southern Alberta, with large clipes being bought for 80 cents cash. Although those that were lucky enough to sell wool at those prices are still smiling, the buyers are surely not sleeping well at night.

Will prices get better? Not in the foreseeable future. If you are holding out for a dollar a pound, it will be a long wait. If you are offered 50 cents a pound cash for whiteface range wool, jump at it. Blackface domestic type at 40 cents is pretty good.

Best of luck. Don't forget--wool is somewhat perishable. It shrinks, hardens, and deteriorates in time.

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WHITECOURT A "GO"

Approximately 1,000 sheep will work the Whitecourt Forestry Sheep Grazing Research Project, scheduled to go ahead this summer. From an operational point-of-view, the Whitecourt project will resemble those already established in BC. Whitecourt, however, is designed as a research project, and the thrust of the research will be to determine whether forestry sheep grazing is feasible in Alberta.

Alberta Environmental Protection Reforestation Branch is providing the funding for the project through the Canada/Alberta Forest agreement. The Commission is the contractual agent, and a management committee composed of representatives of the Commission, the Reforestation Branch, Alberta Agriculture, and Blueridge Lumber will direct the project. Contractor Ron Mackay of Claresholm was the successful bidder for the supply and management of the flock that will be grazing the Whitecourt site.

GO EAST, YOUNG LAMB

Don't forget the second annual National Lamb Carcass Competition, being held this year in Napanee, Ontario on July 16th. Judging of the Alberta competition is scheduled for July 12th and 13th. If you have lamb carcasses you'd like to enter, contact the Commission office (295-1988) for details on timing, location, and procedures.

GOT ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?

The promotion of lamb, wool, and the sheep industry in general can be done in many ways. It doesn't have to be a large-scale event to be effective. Small, focused efforts can have considerable local impact on marketing and sheep industry awareness. A lamb taste test held at Lacombe's April trade fair, for example, succeeded in marketing 24 lamb carcasses in just two days.

If you have a promotion idea you'd like to try, the Commission has assistance funds available. Applications are available from the Commission office (295-1988) and the deadline for submissions is July 15th. Your local zone director can help in co-ordinating your application.

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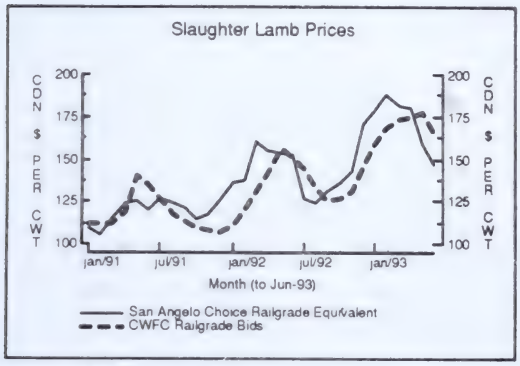
Lambs

Commentary

In Innisfail, railgrade bids at CWFC declined to $156 per cwt on June 21 from $169 at the beginning of the month. At the Edmonton saleyard on June 17, a heavy offering of 900 sheep and lambs saw slaughter lambs bring $74 to $79 per cwt and feeder lambs selling $70 to $78.50 per cwt. The heavy offerings of lambs at the Edmonton sale has been attributed to dry conditions north of Edmonton where pastures were reported to be in poor condition. Widespread and heavy rains after the sale are



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likely to result in good pasture regrowth and reduce distress selling of lambs from many of these areas. Shipments of lambs from Fort Macleod to eastern Canada, are currently bringing $80 per cwt for 80 pound lambs and $72 per cwt for 105 pound lambs.

In the U.S., most of the supply overhang of old crop lambs appears to have been dealt with. The average carcass weight of federally inspected slaughter lambs was likely about 67 pounds in June, three pounds heavier than lambs slaughtered in June of last year. Slaughter volumes in June also ran at higher levels than June of last year. Slaughter lamb markets have firmed up in the past few weeks with prices rising slightly. Currently, new crop slaughter lambs in San Angelo are bringing US $56 to $61 per cwt or $72 to $78 per cwt. East coast wholesale prices for lamb carcasses weighing less than 55 pounds held steady most of the month at US $145.25 per cwt or $186 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars.

Outlook

Tighter supply conditions for feeder and slaughter lambs in the U.S. are likely to become evident in July. Since prices for slaughter lambs tend to decline on a seasonal basis at this time of year due to weakening demand, much of this supply tightness will be masked in slaughter lamb markets with prices expected to move up sluggishly into the fall months. However, demand for feeder lambs in the U.S. may heat up with prices potentially rising very quickly towards the end of the summer.

Prices for slaughter lambs in Alberta are expected to remain choppy over the next few months with a trend to higher prices. Feeder lamb prices are likely to see strong demand in the southern part of the province with prices gradually rising. Prices for feeder lambs in the northern part of the province will depend more on how many lambs have to be sold because of continued poor pasture conditions. Rain this week has likely relieved many lamb producers from making these kinds of forced marketings for the time being.

Market Strategies

Planning your marketings of feeder and slaughter lambs is truly an optimization problem this year. Hanging on to your feeder lambs as long as possible to allow for markets to recover from this spring's over supply problem in the U.S. is likely the best overall strategy. If pasture conditions are likely to remain poor in your area, shop around and arrange a sale of these lambs as early as possible; dumping them on the market under distress is likely going to result in lower prices. On the other hand, slaughter lambs, should be marketed as soon as they reach the optimum weight for the targeted market. If costs of gain are low, then feeding lambs out to heavier weights may be a good strategy for some producers to hit the U.S. markets, but make sure the ram lambs are castrated.

Jo Ann Sandhu
June 28, 1993
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WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES FOR LAMBS

RAILGRADE BIDS AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT C.W.F.C

WEEK ENDING:	04-June-93	11-June-93	18-June-93	25-June-93		SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
June 1993	1.65	1.69	1.69	1.56	1.56	1.63
LAST MON						
May 1993	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.69		1.74
YR AGO MON						
June 1992	1.56	1.56	1.48	1.48	1.48	1.51
VOLUMES						
June 1993	1,580	1,702	1,448	1,640		6,370
June 1992	1,661	1,580	1,749	2,033		6,004

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES AND VOLUMES AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

SALE DATE:	31-May-93	07-June-93	14-June-93	21-June-93	28-June-93	SUMMARY
GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
June 1993	113.36	109.77	126.86	104.14	87.17	95.14
LAST MON						
May 1993	88.00	95.00	96.33	111.92		98.77
YR AGO MON						
June 1992	97.00	75.75	85.49	N.E.P.	88.15	83.92
JUN/93 Volume	11	17	7	22	109	166
AVG. WEIGHT	100.0	102.7	102.7	101.8	100.7	
GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
June 1993	120.32	112.70	119.19	111.97	102.70	112.96
LAST MON						
May 1993	132.41	124.67	126.02	118.39		123.82
YR AGO MON						
June 1992	99.61	90.91	95.46	90.00	91.45	92.95
JUN/93 Volume	221	122	116	134	213	806
AVG. WEIGHT	85.8	84.8	85.6	85.0	86.6	

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are railgrade bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at the Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay a $1 per head check-off to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission. The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

C.W.F.C. - Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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July 14 - 17

LLOYDMINSTER COLONIAL DAYS SHEEP SHOW *- Introducing 'The identifiable Parentage Program', Phase One - "Meat Trait Tracker". This program will identify sires who pass on desired traits for the sheep industry and thereby provide the consistency and quality of product demanded by the consumer. Over $2,000 in prize money, limited to the first 6 paid entries received. Thanks to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission for their support. July 14 & 15 - Meat Trait Tracker Show, July 15 - $1,000 Market Lamb Jackpot Show sponsored by Sask. Wheat Pool, Livestock Division, Lloydminster, July 15 - Junior Shepherd and Futurity Shows, July 17 - Shearing Competition (1st place - $500). For prize lists and information on these activities contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, S9V 0Y7, phone 306-825-5571.*

July 15

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES. *Fat and feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R#4, Calmar, T0C 0V0, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, T0G 2L0, phone 349-5203.*

July 17

1993 ALBERTA LAMB CARCASS COMPETITION LEAN LAMB FIELD DAY & ANNUAL HAYS PASTURE & SOUTHERN ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDER'S BBQ. *Lethbridge Research Station. Lean Lamb Field Day & Carcass Display 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Hays Pasture and SASB BBQ 5:00 P.M. - ???. $10.00 includes lunch & the Lean Lamb Field Day. Tickets to the Hays Pasture BBQ available at the door. Unlimited seating available for Field Day, but if you want to eat the fabulous lunch or supper, please contact Kim Stanford at 381-5050 by July 9th.*

July 24	***WEST NATIONAL ANGORA GOAT SHOW.*** *Westerner Exhibition, Red Deer, Alberta. Contact Lisa Harbidge at (403) 784-2187 for further information.*
July 25	***TAMBOLA FESTIVAL.*** *Enjoy a great family get-away with Tambola Festival celebrations at Spehansson House Historic Site, 1 PM - 5 PM. A full slate of entertainment will keep the whole family busy - from guided tours to old-fashioned games for the children. Visit displays and demonstrations such as Icelandic sheep and horses as well as heritage crafts and vintage vehicles. Join us for an exciting afternoon. Stephansson House is located southwest of Red Deer, off Highways 781 and 592, near the hamlet of Markerville.*
July 25 & 26	***ANGORA GOAT JUDGES TRAINING CLINIC.*** *Jack Groff, Texas, Instructor. Contact Terry Lee at (403) 782-2250 or Lisa Harbidge at (403) 784-2187 for further information.*
July 31	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
July 31 - August 1	***SHEEP EXTRAVAGANZA*** *- sanctioned by the Sask. Sheep Breeders Association. Sale of all major breeds of purebred ewes and rams, pens of commercial replacement ewes and ewe lambs. Other activities include a Junior Show, Trade and Craft Show, Photography Competition, Made It Myself Good Idea Contest and a Market Lamb Pen Competition. Sheep arrival by 3 P.M. Saturday, July 31, Sale at 2 P.M. Sunday, August 1. For prize lists and information on these activities contact Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, S9V OY7, phone 306-825-5571.*
August 4	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*

August 4-6

FIBERFEST, THE FORUM. *Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Join us for 2 and 1/2 days of intensive workshops featuring your favorite artists and instructors in all types of fiber, fiber-related and business courses to enhance and excite you about the natural fiber industry and fashion. For complete details contact the Fiberfest, Ltd. office at Fiberfest 1993, Box 112, Hastings, MI 49058 or call (616) 765-3047.*

August 7-8

FIBERFEST, THE FESTIVAL. *Kalamazoo Fairgrounds, Kalamazoo, MI. Join us for demonstrations, shows, competition and workshops. For complete details contact the Fiberfest, Ltd. office at Fiberfest 1993, Box 112, Hastings, MI 49058 or call (616) 765-3047.*

August 12

LAMB DAYS '93. *Canada West invites producers to Lamb Days '93. Canada West Foods Corp., Innisfail, Alberta. Demonstration of new classification system. On-hand live grading of lambs. Discussion on railgrade vs liveweight. An inside look at the working of the plant. Video - 'Lamb to Carcass'. For more information, contact either of the following at 227-3386: Andrew Tye or Ray Fielding. To arrange proper facilities, we need to book your attendance. When these dates fill up, Canada West will add other dates later in the year.*

August 12-15

DAWSON CREEK FALL FAIR. *Something for everyone - country & city folk alike. Parades, BBQ's, pancake breakfasts, talent night. Shows in heavy & light horse, cattle, sheep, goats & 4-H competitions. There are also craft, home baking & gardening competitions. There are educational displays, shearing & herding demonstrations. Free events for children throughout the fair. Full midway, fireworks, Little Britches rodeo and 3 days of NAR & BCRA sanctioned rodeo events PLUS a concert by Patricia Conroy and Blue Horse Band. Come & experience the fun & hospitality in northeastern B.C. We offer an action packed FULL weekend here in Dawson Creek. See you all in August! For more information please phone Brad or Victoria Manson, (604) 843-7185 or write to us for a prize book here in Arras, B.C., VOC 1BO.*

August 16

***THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS** are having their second WOOL/MOHAIR collections, at Burnt Lake Auction, Red Deer from 9 AM to 3 PM. The freight charges to Lethbridge on all wool received will be absorbed by C.C.W.G. The initial price for wool/mohair has yet to be determined. Contact Art or Linda Wiebe, 782-2748.*

August 19

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August 21

***MILLARVILLE FAIR.** For more information about the Angora Goat Section contact John Toye at (403) 931-3472.*

August 27-29

***TENDING DOG HERDING WORKSHOP.** Beginning the evening of August 27, Calera Ranch is pleased to present Lynette Milleville, shepherd from Portland, Connecticut, for two weekends of herding instruction in the tending style of livestock work. This is the first introduction of this type of herding work in Canada. Long utilised in Europe, but new to North America, this usage of the herding dog is different from the driving and the gathering of dogs. Topics include: The history of this type of stock work, obedience for stock work, moving stock, penning, containment and strip grazing, training methods and possibly road work. This workshop is of interest to anyone wanting to eventually trial dogs in the tending style, Silviculture personnel, farmers and ranchers, as well as dog enthusiasts. For more information, please contact Patricia Scarr, Box 88, Beiseker, Alberta TON OGO, phone 935-4282.*

August 28	***CHINOOK ALL BREED GOAT SALE*** *at Olds College in sheep barn. For more information contact sale committee, Carolyn Brocca, 756-3309 or Cathy Prince, 938-4227.*
August 28	***THE PROGRESSIVE SHEEP BREEDERS SALE*** *consisting of commercial & purebred sheep is planned for 1 P.M. at the Olds Livestock Pavilion, Olds, Alberta. For more information call Gordon Fulton, Bowden, at 224-3753 or Warren Moore, Stavely at 549-2464.*
August 28	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
September 1	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
September 3-5 & 6	***TENDING DOG HERDING WORKSHOP.*** *Beginning the evening of September 3, Calera Ranch is pleased to present Lynette Milleville, shepherd from Portland, Connecticut, for two weekends of herding instruction in the tending style of livestock work. This is the first introduction of this type of herding work in Canada. Long utilised in Europe, but new to North America, this usage of the herding dog is different from the driving and the gathering of dogs. Topics include: The history of this type of stock work, obedience for stock work, moving stock, penning, containment and strip grazing, training methods and possibly road work. This workshop is of interest to anyone wanting to eventually trial dogs in the tending style, Silviculture personnel, farmers and ranchers, as well as dog enthusiasts.* ***September 6 - Trial Demonstrations.*** *For more information, please contact Patricia Scarr, Box 88, Beiseker, Alberta TON OGO, phone 935-4282.*

September 11	***REGISTERED RAM & EWE SALE.*** *Dawson Creek. Animal must be registered by mid-August for the catalogue. All breeds welcome. For more information call Andy Bohn (604) 759-4973 or Bob Hicks (604) 843-7697.*
September 18-19	***LAMBS IN LACOMBE.*** *"Renaissance Theme" - The complete sheep fair. Lots of fun for the whole family - Lean Lamb Field Day, Fashion Show, Fleece Competition, Jr. Sheep Show, Trade Show, Childrens Barn, Dog Trials and Sheep Production Display. Watch for the various contests. For more information contact Edith Williams at 403-784-3511.*
September 25	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
October 6	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
October 30	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
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November 5-14	***EDMONTON NORTHLANDS WOOL COMPETITION.*** *Entries close September 24, 1993. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class. There will be five classes including a coloured class. Fleeces to be received at Edmonton Northlands, November 4, 1993. For further information contact - Doug Laurie, Box 13, Site 10, R R #4, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-6711 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G OE3, 436-5992.*

November 25-27	***1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM.*** *Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta. Watch future issues for more details.*
November 27	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
December 1	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*

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R O P SHEEP PRODUCERS

The 1992 Annual Report for Sheep is now available. With cutbacks in budgets, we are only able to provide a copy on request to our office. Call Shelagh or Wray at 427-5083.

A PRODUCERS PERSPECTIVE

By: Lois George

On May 18, 1993 I took some wethers entered on the Blue Tag Program down to Canada West Foods (CWF) and followed the process for two out of the three days. The Blue Tag Program identifies the sires of quality carcasses in market lambs. It is a joint effort between the Alberta Sheep Breeders, Alberta Agriculture, and CWF.

Day one the lambs were weighed and the loin area was ultrasonically measured. I soon realized how deciphering the ultrasound needs lots of experience, but what a helpful image when you can see the difference in the depth and length of muscle and the amount of fat, while you can still get your hands on the live animal.

Day two I watched my own animals, right from the kill to the cooler. I can now see the reason we should be concerned over manure tags on the wool and full stomachs before the kill that could rupture. If we are truly concerned about producing a quality product at lower cost, we must avoid any contamination that could spoil a carcass or a portion thereof. Due to our long truck hauls to CWF and selling rail grade, I do not need to worry about full stomachs, but I certainly will use this experience to my benefit when providing lambs for local farm gate sales. I will take no chance now on contamination.

Probably the best learning experience was going through the cooler while the government grader graded the lambs. Being able to compare 650 carcasses and getting feedback on my carcasses from the head buyer, Andrew Tye, was most beneficial. We could compare cover and spend a lot of time on the confirmation score, focusing on the difference in muscling on the shoulder, loin and leg. By seeing the muscling on so many carcasses I can now relate this information to what I am producing now and select rams to improve my carcass quality. I have a much clearer idea of how the muscle looks under the fleece and will be able to better visualise when I feel a live animal.

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this program. It is good to see the cooperation within the industry and I would encourage all producers to take a tour, they are available to everyone, whether on the Blue Tag program or not.

IT IS STILL NOT TOO **LATE** TO JOIN
THE 1993 ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDER'S ASSOCIATION

BLUE TAG PROGRAM

ENTRY DEADLINE IS **SEPTEMBER 1**

(Sheep can be shipped throughout 1993, but all participants must be registered by September 1)

TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM CONTACT:
GAIL DIETZ AT 295-2185

NOTE

PLEASE BOOK ALL LAMB SHIPMENTS TO CANADA WEST DIRECTLY WITH ANDREW TYE AT 227-3386

ALL BLUE TAG LAMBS MUST BE DELIVERED TO CANADA WEST BY 9:00 AM WEDNESDAYS

AT DELIVERY TO CANADA WEST, DORSET-TYPE LAMBS MUST WEIGH AT LEAST 95 LBS
ALL OTHER BREEDS MUST WEIGH 105 TO 120 LBS

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE BLUE TAG PROGRAM IS TO IDENTIFY SIRES OF SUPERIOR CARCASS LAMBS
PLEASE SEND YOUR BEST MARKET LAMBS
UNDERWEIGHT OR UNDER-FINISHED LAMBS WILL BE SENT HOME

AN INTRODUCTION TO TENDING DOGS

by Patricia Scarr

Throughout recorded history, shepherds of all countries have utilized the Canine prey/herding behaviours to assist in daily handling of livestock. Dogs that showed particularly useful behaviours were selected to perform specific jobs. Over many years of selection, these behavioural tendencies became reliable traits displayed by the dogs. Each geographical area, type of livestock production, and agricultural practices of the day refined the selection process and resulted in the vast array of dog breeds, each suited to a particular function.

Most people who own herding dogs have understood that there were two kinds of working style, the Driving/Drover, and the Fetcher/Gatherer. Drover dogs include such breeds as the Bouvier Des Flandres, the Rottweiler, the Australian Cattledog, the Welsh and Cardigan Corgi, and the Giant Schnauzer. These dogs position themselves between the stock and the shepherd, in order to move stock away from the shepherd. A back and forth motion behind the stock pressures the animals forward.

The Fetch/Gatherer type of dog is perhaps best known through the Border Collie. Other breeds which display this working style include the Australian Shepherd, the Australian Kelpie, the Rough Collie and the Shetland Sheepdog. This style of working is best characterized by the dog swinging in an arc, positioning the stock between himself and the shepherd. The dog advances on the sheep, moving them towards the shepherd. These dogs often will be seen to stare at the sheep (ie. to "show eye"), to mesmerize, and pressure the animals into compliance.

The third category of herding style is known as Tending. Two European authors, Von Stephanitz and Professor Heim have concluded from their research on European herdsmen's dogs that a trend of development occurred in all herding dogs. This trend began with the Guarding dog, progressed to a Driver/Drover, and evolved further into the Tending dog. They feel the development of the Tending dog occurred in response to population growth, and spreading urbanization. These changes resulted in decreased availability of large tracts of grazing land. In the European lowland areas, it became necessary for large flocks of sheep to travel daily from the home barns along roadways to different grazing areas. This required dogs who would precisely control/hold the flocks while grazing (as there are few fences), move the flocks along roadways or roadsides, and provide predation control.

Tending dogs are expected to do the following:

- move back and forth at a trot to keep sheep in a column of grazing
- show ability to maintain a boundary/hold the sheep in an area designated by the shepherd or by natural geography (road to grass, crop to stubble)

- return escaping sheep to the flock
- discourage predators
- accept direction from the shepherd (basic obedience, change of direction of patrol, cessation of aggressive behaviour and vice versa, stop and begin).

This style of herding enables the dog to act as a kind of a moving, flowing fence. The dog's presence is a visible deterrent to the sheep. Dogs are to grip but not nip. The shepherd leads the sheep and the dog works the perimeter of the flock, maintaining formation. The placement of the dog on the stock is different from the Droving and Gathering styles and is a direct reflection of the different functions performed. This flowing patrol of the flock perimeter facilities continuous grazing, simultaneous with ongoing movement of the flock.

The breeds of dog that historically work in the Tending style are the Beauceron, Briard, Belgian Shepherd dog (all four varieties), Dutch Shepherd, German Shepherd dog, Pulik, Samoyed and the Schipperke.

For more information about Tending dogs, please contact me, Pat Scarr, Caldera Ranch, Box 88, Beiseker, Alberta, TOM OGO. The CKC presently offers two titles in Herding. The Started Stockdog and Open Stockdog, available for the Driving dog and Fetching dog styles of work. The CKC Stockdog committee is presently researching the Tending dog style and will be developing a Tending course in the future. Tending dog workshops for two weekends in August and September of 1993 have been organized. Data collected at the workshops will be used to help develop a Tending Trial Course for proposal to the CKC.

Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
#212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 7H7
(403) 295-2185 Fax: (403) 275-8009

"ALBERTA SHEPHERDS RECOGNITION"

Like the rest of agriculture, the sheep industry is in a period of great change. But, there is one thing that does stay the same. PEOPLE!! People who work for the advancement of the industry and other shepherds, be they novice or veteran. Businessmen, shearers, instructors, Alberta Agriculture personnel, shepherds as well as people who just like to help make up this group.

With these thoughts in mind, the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association invites you to submit the names of these outstanding individuals and some information on how they have contributed to the success of the sheep industry so that they can receive formal recognition of their deeds.

The A.S.B.A. will present these awards to deserving individuals on an annual or bi-annual basis.

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATORS NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

(The above information is important so that we may contact you if further information is required.)

NOMINEES NAME: _____

FARM NAME/OR BUSINESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ **POSTAL CODE** _____

ADDRESS: _____

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ATTACH BIOGRAPHY:

PLEASE SEND NOMINATION FORMS TO ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION, ATTN: GAIL DIETZ, #212, 6715 - 8TH STREET N.E., CALGARY, ALBERTA T2E 7H7, PHONE 295-2185, FAX 275-8009. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP.

CANADA WEST

Invites Producers To:

LAMB DAYS '93

August 12 & 19, 1993
Canada West Foods Corp.
Innisfail, Alberta

- **Demonstration of new classification system**
- **On-hand live grading of lambs**
- **Discussion on railgrade vs liveweight**
- **An inside look at the working of the plant**
- **Video - "Lamb to Carcass"**

For more information, contact either of the following at (403)227-3386:

- ***Andrew Tye,*** *Head Buyer*
- ***Ray Fielding***

To arrange proper facilities, we need to book your attendance. When these dates fill up, Canada West will add other dates later in the year.

Lambs in Lacombe

An Olde Tyme Sheep Faire

September 18th & 19th, 1993
Central Alberta Agricultural Grounds
Lacombe Research Station

FLEECE COMPETITION

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Farm Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

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1. Entry fees are $1.00/fleece. Categories will be determined prior to judging.
2. Fleeces are to be brought to the fair Saturday, 18 September 1993 between 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Judging will commence at 10:30 am.
3. Fleeces must be the production of the contestant's sheep.
4. Fleeces must have been shorn during 1993, and be exhibited 'in the grease'. Any fleece that received a previous ribbon at this fair is ineligible.
5. Each fleece must be tagged with the exhibitor's name, the weight of the fleece, and the breed or cross from which the fleece was shorn.
6. Fleeces must remain on display for the duration of the fair.
7. Manufacturers and/or wool dealers are not eligible to enter this competition.
8. Though great care will be exercised, the fair is not responsible for loss or damage of fleeces from any cause whatsoever.

Ribbons and Prizes Offered
Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons
BOB SHOPLAND MEMORIAL TROPHY

Number	Type of Fleece	Breed or Cross	Entry Fee
			$
			$
			$
Total Entry Fee Enclosed			$

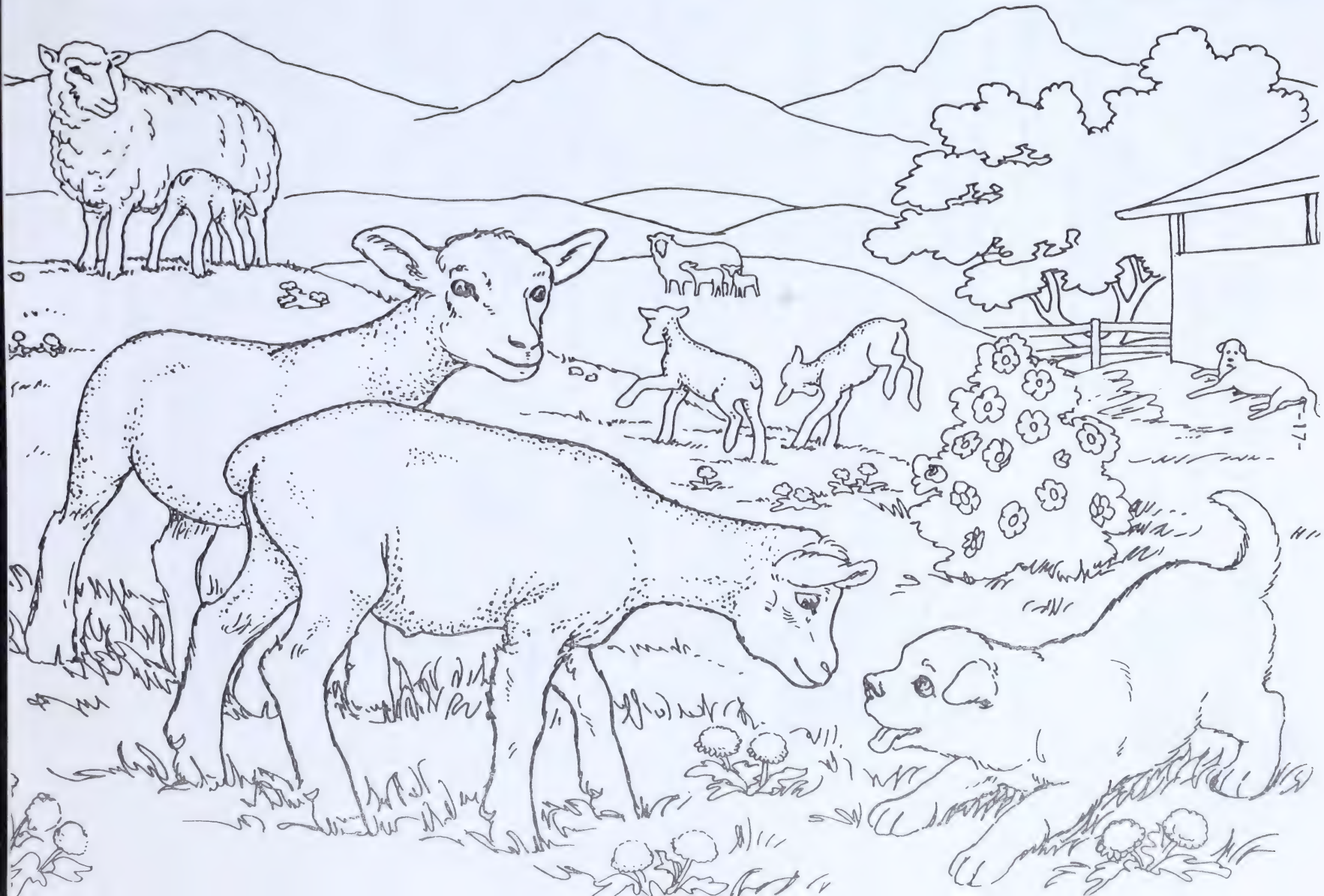
Please enclose entry fees for the competition. Cheques should be made payable to "Lambs in Trust". Completed entry forms should be sent before 30 August 1993 to:

"Lambs in Lacombe"
c/o Doug Laurie
Box 13, Site 10, RR 4, Stony Plain, AB TOE 2GO
Phone 963-6711

COLOURING CONTEST. If you're under twelve, you can use your coloured picture as a FREE gate pass to visit LAMBS IN LACOMBE, September 18 or 19.

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Age_____



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JOIN THE FLOCK
Come join the fun starting at **10:00 am Saturday, September 18th**, when the *LEAN LAMB FIELD DAY* kicks off. The latest information featuring knowledgeable speakers and demo carcasses. Please pre-register with Gordon Fulton (224-3753). The fee of $10.00 (4-H members free) includes a lamb lunch. The use of the federal facility is greatly appreciated.

Also at **10:00 am Saturday**, the *JUNIOR SHEPHERD COMPETITION* gets started with Norene Whiting (464-2089) and Jane Bruns (373-3891) officiating.

And Lana Cadsand (843-6802) will be setting up her models and music for the *WOOL FASHION SHOW* in the Pavilion.

BROWSERS WELCOME
All weekend, you'll find Fenn Roessingh (337-2221) looking after the *CRAFT AND TRADE FAIR*. This year's theme is "Renaissance", and many of the talented crafters will be doing scheduled demos. Fenn is also scheduling buskers to entertain us both days.

In the Pavilion, Doug Laurie (963-6711) will be busy with the *FLEECE COMPETITION*. Please let Doug know about your entries and fill out the entry form.

The *BENCH SHOW* is featuring all forms of wool from carded and dyed fleece to garments and articles. Contact Betty Matejka (783-2167) to enter your latest creation.

MEET THE JUNIOR SET
Don't forget to check out the *KIDS' BARN*, in full swing with an educational fibre display (courtesy of Dorothy Broadbent), lots of activities and games. Volunteers to help with the youngsters would be greatly appreciated. Contact Lyn Ings (843-6820).

The Clive Shepherds and Chefs (4-H) will be manning the gates.

AND THEY'RE OFF!
Only it's dogs, not horses. Over at the race track, Murray Young (335-4550) will be keeping the *DOG TRIALS* running and the sheep under control. He also needs volunteers.

FIBRE, FACTS, PHOTOS...
The *SHEEP TO SHAWL* people will be doing demos both Saturday and Sunday. Interested in sheep production? There'll be scheduled *SHEEP DEMONSTRATIONS* including handling, shearing, trimming, as well as information on nutrition and management.

The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association is sponsoring *CASH PRIZES* for the best registered sheep photos and lots of other categories. Please enter with Jeri McNeil (224-3753).

AND FOOD!
Lots of lamb *TASTE SAMPLES*, lamb snacks to munch, and places to sell lamb. Plus there'll be a *LAMB BBQ, TAPED MUSIC, AND A SOCIAL* on **Saturday Evening**, so plan to stay over.

So come and join us. Bring campers, fleeces, photos, crafts, juniors, sheep and, most of all, yourselves.
For more information, phone Edith at 784-3511.

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PHOTO CONTEST

Sponsored by The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

_____ **Entrant's Signature:** _____

Contest Rules

1. **Entry fees are $1.00/photo. You may enter two photos per category.**
2. **Photos are to be brought to the fair Saturday, 18 September 1993 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Judging will commence at 2:00 pm.**
3. **Photos must be the bona fide work of the contestant and have been taken within the last two years, except Category E "Olde Tyme Sheep Fair/Lambs in Lacombe", which can be from any previous fair.**
4. **All photos entered become the property of the Alberta Sheep Breeders to be used for publications, etc. All publishing rights belong to the Alberta Sheep Breeders.**
5. **Photos will not be returned, so please keep an extra copy if you need one.**

Prize Money
Categories A to E: 1st $20.00, 2nd $10.00, 3rd $5.00.
Grand Prize for Best Photo Overall $75.00

Category F: 1st $150.00, 2nd $100.00, 3rd $50.00, 4th $30.00, 5th $20.00

Number	Category	Entry Fee
	A. Sheep Landscape	$
	B. Sheep and/or Lambs	$
	C. Sheep-related Activities (shearing, herding, etc.)	$
	D. Sheep and People	$
	E. Olde Tyme Sheep Fair/Lambs in Lacombe	$
	F. Purebred Sheep	$
Total Entry Fee Enclosed		$

Please enclose entry fees for the competition. Cheques should be made payable to "Lambs in Trust". Completed entry forms should be sent before 30 August 1993 to:

"Lambs in Lacombe"
c/o Jeri McNeil
Box 1, Site 9, RR 1, Bowden, AB TOM OKO

Lambs in Lacombe

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BENCH SHOW

Name:_____ Phone:_____

Farm Name:_____ Phone:_____

Address:_____ Postal Code:_____

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Contest Rules

1. Entry fees are $1.00 per item. Categories will be determined after entries close.
2. Entries are to be brought to the fair Saturday, 18 September 1993, between 10:00 and 12:00 pm. Judging will commence at 2:00 pm.
3. Entries must be the bona fide work of the contestant. Any entry that received a previous ribbon at the fair is ineligible.
4. Handicrafts, knitted and crocheted items must be made of wool; items with other components (such as comforters, quilts, and saddle pads) must utilize wool as the filling.
5. Though every care will be taken to ensure the safety of entries, the fair is not responsible for loss or damage to entries from any cause whatsoever.

Ribbons and Prizes are offered

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September 18th & 19th, 1993
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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

FLOCK DISPERSAL. 75 purebred registered Suffolk ewes, 25 purebred registered North Country Cheviot ewes. Lambed in January. Contact Alan, 967-5177 (After 10 PM) (7)

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2 SUFFOLK rams - not registered. 2 yrs old - $150 O.B.O. Hilda, Sangudo, 785-2103 (evenings) (7)

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4 JANUARY born lambs. Romanov cross. $55 each. Lorna, Ardrossan, 922-4523 (After 5 PM) (7)

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YEARLING RAM. Tendency to throw black lambs. Darbi, Lougheed, 386-2357 (7)

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10 SUFFOLK cross ewes. 3-4 yr olds. Excellent health, past records available - $50 each. Chestermere area near Calgary. Chris, 272-9090 (7)

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REGISTERED ROP Hampshire rams, ewes, lambs. Quality flock. Albert, 100 Mile House, B.C., 604-395-3508 (7)

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2 YEARLING rams - 3/4 Romanov, 1/4 Highland Cheviot, 3 dry ewes - Romanov/Highland Cheviot cross. Gene, Ponoka, 783-4941 (7)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. Suffolk, 60 ewes, 2 rams - $80/head - your choice. 2-5 yrs old. Lorna, Olds, 556-2007 (7)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country Cheviot ram, 2 yrs old - $125.00. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (7)

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EWE LAMBS. Born January. Healthy. All shots. Marg, Stettler, 742-0986 (7)

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RETIREMENT IS getting closer all the time & we're cutting our flock down to 10 this year. We have for sale about 35 Romney & Romney cross ewes with or without lambs. Some colored. We will also have ewe lambs for sale this fall. Excellent wool producers from a healthy clean closed flock. Esther, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (7)

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CLUN FOREST ram lambs. Breed these rams to your ewe lambs for easy lambing and multiple births. Crosses are prolific & thrifty. Also have a few registered ewe lambs available. Dennis Lapierre, Habitat Farm, Falkland, B.C., 604-379-2642 (7)

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PUREBRED, NON-registered Jacob ram lamb - very good bloodlines. Born Feb 18/93. $200. D. Adams, Creston, B.C., 604-428-7840 (7)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. Finn/Suffolk cross. Healthy, closed flock consisting of 6 ewes, 10 lambs born spring of '93 & 1 - 2 yr old ram. All shots. Asking $1100 for entire flock. Jim, Millet, 387-4066 (7)

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PUREBRED RAMS & ewe lambs. Gordon, Bowden, 224-3753 (7)

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17 YEARLING white face ewes (with lambs at side). All ewes are twins or triplets. 1 registered Suffolk ram (3 yrs) and 1 registered Rambouillet ram (4 yrs). B. Buijs, Didsbury, 335-9959 (7)

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3 YR old purebred Suffolk ram (Waco-Goldstrike) & 2 yr old, December born purebred Dorset ram (Kasur DM), $150 each O.B.O. 200% lamb crop available for inspection. Also Feb/Mar born ewe lambs (1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 Columbia or 3/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Rambouillet). Lange, High River, 652-2278 (7)

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80 EWES, 1-4 yr olds. Suffolks, Dorsets & crosses. 6 yrs of records. 195% lambing crop. Good clean flock. Also 20 ewe lambs. Dorsets & Suffolks. Twin & triplet born. John, Didsbury, 335-9155 (7)

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DISPERSAL - 52 ewes, 1 registered Suffolk ram & 1 Polypay ram. Romanov/Finn/Suffolk crosses. 224% lamb crop. Healthy flock - no culls. $5000. Karen, High Prairie, 523-3795 (7)

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100+ TWIN & triplet crossbred ewe lambs, Jan-Mar born. Bred to Romanov/Suffolk ram & some to Border Leicester for better wool quality. Also have some black Border Leicester cross rams. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (7)

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FLOCK REDUCTION. Quality proven purebred Suffolk & Columbia ewes. Will sell as a package or separate. Gordon, Rimbey, 843-6802 (8)

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2 RAMS - 1 Dorset, 5 yrs - $75. 1 Hampshire registered, 4 yrs - $50. R.B. Miller, James River Bridge, 538-4297 (8)

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5 PUREBRED Dorset ram lambs. All triplet, born on March 29/93. Claude, Hays, 725-3997 (8)

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RAMBOUILLET RAMS & ewe lambs. John, Two Hills, 657-2048 (8)

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YOUNG DORSET ewes (no culls). Easy lambers & super mothers (200% plus lamb crop!). Ewe & ram lambs are also available. Interested? Call Harvey or Eleanor, Grande Prairie, 532-6772 (evenings only please) (8)

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2 REGISTERED Romney rams. 1 - 2 yr old & 1 - 1 yr old. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (8)

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REGISTERED FINN rams, ram lambs, yearlings & 2 yr old. Cloverdale Farms, Grande Prairie, 532-6117 (8)

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3 YR old Romanov ram, throwing multiple births of black, brown, silver & some white. Aggressive with ewes, but nice to handle. Also ewes for sale. Laura, Didsbury, 335-4778 (Before 9 PM) (8)

BLACK RAM. 3/4 Southdown, 1/4 Finn. 2 yrs old. Merlayne, Stony Plain, 963-7508 (8)

PUREBRED COLUMBIAN ram (triplet), 18 months old - $150.00. Purebred Suffolk ram (twin), registered, 18 months old. Proven breeder, purchased at Olds Ram Test Sale - $250. PJZ Farm, Calgary, 286-8354 (8)

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10 PUREBRED Suffolk ewes. 2 crossbred ewes & 15 lambs. $75 each. First & second lambing. 1 purebred yearling Suffolk ram. Loenard, Marie Reine, 322-2170 (8)

DISPERSAL - 25 ewes Suffolk crosses & Columbia crosses, 2 Suffolk rams 1 yr old. Brian, Hardisty, 888-2411 (8)

REGISTERED KATAHDIN sheep. Barbados black belly sheep. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (8)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK 2 yr old ram. Also Suffolk yearling rams. Waco bloodlines. 1 yearling North Country Cheviot ram & ewe lambs. Gerg, Olds, 335-4136 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram, 4 yr old. M.J. Stephen & Reg Marler breeding. Also 2 purebred Border Leicester ram lambs, Palmerdale/Maple Meadows breeding. Judy, Innisfree, 592-2167 (Early AM or after 6 PM) (8)

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EXCELLENT SELECTION of Rideau & Canadian Arcott rams & Canadian Arcott ewe lambs including: - 5 proven senior Rideau rams, 4 yearling Rideau rams & some 1993 rams. The Rideau flock has been selected primarily for milk yield & fertility. Also 5 proven senior Canadian rams, 4 yearling Canadian rams & some 1993 rams. The Canadians have been intensively selected for efficiency of lean meat gain, using ROP records & ultrasound measurements. Medicine Ridge Arcotts, Bentley, 748-2624 (8)

1 - 3 yr OLD registered Polypay ram & 1 registered Cheviot ram. $80 each. Brent, Bowden, 224-3804 (8)

70 SUFFOLK/Polypay ewes. 45 are 4 yrs old & under. Records available. Bob, Barrhead, 674-3540 (8)

FOR SALE - GOATS

1 NUBIAN black buck, 2 does with kids, 1 culled doe. $100 for all. Maria, Evansburg, 727-2112 (7)

REGISTERED LA MANCHA milk goat with sucking registered La Mancha buck kid. $300 for pair. 3 pairs to choose from. John or Joanne, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (7)

2 YR old registered Saanen milking doe - $225.00. Registered Saanen doe & buck kids - $125 & up. Bred Angora goats, some with kids at foot - $125 - $175. Karen, High Prairie, 523-3795 (7)

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ANGORA HERD dispersal. Does, bucks, kids & wethers. Registered & grade stock. Prices starting at $50. Jerry or Sandy, Winfield, 682-2426 (8)

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VERY SHORT pygmy goats, bred nannies & bottled-fed kids. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (8)

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1 MATURE buck, Toggenburg cross - $80. 3 buck kids, $50 & $30. 1 doeling - $40. Nubian/Alpine/Saanen cross. And 1 miniature goat - $35. Bonnie, Little Smoky, 524-2061 (8)

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BORDER COLLIE pups. Albert, 100 Mile House, B.C., 604-395-3508 (7)

1 REGISTERED Great Pyreenes male (2 yrs), imported from U.S. B. Buijs, Didsbury, 335-9959 (7)

4 PYREENES puppies. Both parents are excellent guard dogs. $200 each. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (7)

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LIVESTOCK GUARADIAN crossbred puppies. Anatolian Shepherd cross with Border Collie. Should be good guaradians of livestock property or people. Tara, Rimbey, 843-3565 (evenings) (7)

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GREAT PYREENES male puppy & 1 yr old male. Excellent watch dog. Good with children. Registered. Shots. Guaranteed. Helen, Strathmore, 934-2778 (7)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppy. 3 months old. Tri-colored. Lisa, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9546 (7)

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MAREMMA PUPPIES available. Now taking orders. Parents imported from Italy. Ted Butler, Calgary, 286-4321 (7)

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CKC REGISTERED Commondore livestock guardian pups. Parents x-rayed clear for hip dysplasia. Guaranteed. Ready to go. Fred, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, 306-825-2640 (8)

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MAREMMA ABRUZZESE puppies. Born April 30th. Excellent livestock guardian dogs. $375 each. Nicoletta Simonelli, Calgary, 281-4881 (8)

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HAMPSHIRE OR Suffolk ram. Must be good quality. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (8)

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WANTED - DOGS

MALE PYREENES. From working stock. Lease or ownership. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (8)

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OLD NEWSPAPERS & magazines. pre-1960 only. Sheep related if possible. Will take large quantities. Garry, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (8)

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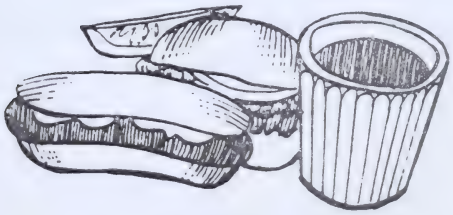

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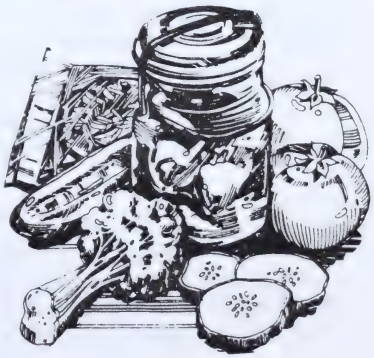

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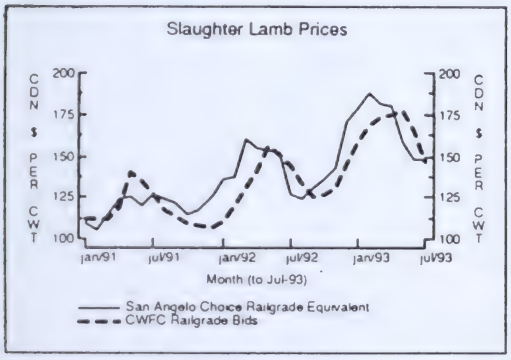
Lambs

Commentary

U.S. livestock markets were weakened in July due to weather caused disruptions of marketings with some processing plants having to close because of flooding. Furthermore, persistent hot weather on the east coast has resulted in depressed meat demand. Lamb markets have also been negatively affected with slaughter lamb prices declining marginally in July.

San Angelo lamb prices continue to hover in the US $55 to $60 per cwt range or from $70 to $77 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars. East coast U.S. wholesale prices for carcasses weighing 55 pounds or less declined to $117.50 per cwt or $151 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars by the end of July.



Note: Jul 93 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

In Alberta, slaughter lamb markets continued to soften with the railgrade bid a C.W.F.C. in Innisfail declining from $146 to $140 percent. At the July 17 Edmonton auction, slaughter lambs weighing 95 to 109 pounds sold for $56 to $64 per cwt, while feeder lamb prices ranged from $60 to $95 per cwt. Fort Macleod reports that all weights of feeder lambs were bringing $63 per cwt for shipments to eastern Canada, B.C. and south of the border. A load of heavy slaughter lambs averaging 120 pounds was shipped to the Dixon, California also for $63 per cwt.

Outlook

Markets in the short term are not likely to improve much until the soggy weather in the U.S. mid-west ends and temperatures moderate along the east coast so that consumers get back to more normal eating patterns. Tighter supplies of lamb in eastern Canada and the U.S. this fall are likely to result in large price gains.

The long run implications of these low returns from slaughter lamb production will likely be further liquidations of U.S. lamb flocks. The next lamb crop in the U.S. is expected to be one of the smallest on record based on a record small breeding stock inventory carried into this year. Ever tightening supplies of slaughter lambs will result in increased price support in the market.

Market Strategies

What the market lacks right now is consumer demand basically because its either too hot or too wet in many North American population centres. Producers should be trying to market lambs only out of necessity, since delaying marketings for a month or so will likely be very profitable. However, this policy should not be followed for lambs that have reached market weight, overweight lambs are likely to continue to be discounted heavily.

A reminder to producers targeting the U.S. market for this fall: Make sure your ram lambs are castrated. Intact ram lambs are not acceptable to U.S. packers and they will either be rejected or heavily discounted.

Jo Ann Sandhu
July 30, 1993

WEEKLY AVERAGE PRICES FOR LAMBS

RAILGRADE BIDS AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95–110 LBS AT C.W.F.C

WEEK ENDING:	09–Jul–93	16–Jul–93	23–Jul–93	30–Jul–93		SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
July 1993	1.46	1.46	1.40	1.40		1.43
LAST MON						
June 1993	1.65	1.69	1.69	1.56	1.56	1.63
YR AGO MON						
July 1992	1.48	1.48	1.42	1.38		1.44
VOLUMES						
July 1993	1,034	1,346	1,463	1,820		5,663
July 1992	1,605	1,662	1,627	1,999		6,893

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES AND VOLUMES AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS

SALE DATE:	05–Jul–93	12–Jul–93	19–Jul–93	26–Jul–93		SUMMARY
GOOD LAMBS 95–110 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
July 1993	91.18	109.96	N.E.P.	94.13		94.63
LAST MON						
June 1993	113.36	109.77	126.86	104.14	87.17	95.14
YR AGO MON						
July 1992	75.36	84.00	80.02	82.75		79.91
JUN/93 Volume	57	15		67		139
AVG. WEIGHT	102.3	101.3		98.8		
GOOD LAMBS 80–95 LBS						
CURRENT MON						
July 1993	96.17	123.77	105	95.14		101.78
LAST MON						
June 1993	120.32	112.7	119.19	111.97	102.7	112.96
YR AGO MON						
July 1992	80.33	81.04	85.71	82.89		82.63
JUN/93 Volume	165	66	175	164		570
AVG. WEIGHT	85.7	83.5	76.86	86.4		

Prices quoted for 95–110 lb lambs are railgrade bid prices at C.W.F.C. and auction prices at the Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to C.W.F.C. pay a $1 per head check–off to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission. The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.
N.E.P. – No established price

C.W.F.C. – Canada West Foods Corporation, Innisfail, Alberta

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As Of July 16

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
Oregon	Sl. Lambs	Direct	3,500	110-120	Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, spring lambs	53.00-55.00
California	Sl. Lambs	Direct	1,000	110-125	Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, spring lambs	55.00-58.00
Oregon	Feeders	Direct	2,300	80-105	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	50.00-52.00
California	Feeders	Auction	160	60-100	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	50.00-54.00
California	Sl. Ewes	Auction	121		Utility & good, wooled/shorn	20.00-28.50
MOUNTAIN						
Idaho	Sl. Lambs	Direct	800	140-145	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, new crop	54.00
Idaho	Sl. Lambs	Direct	1,600	130-140	Guaranteed yld, $20 disc./hd on carcass over 75 lbs.	55.00
Colorado	Sl. Lambs	Auction	186	104-128	Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, new crop wooled	50.00-53.00
Montana	Feeders	Direct	10,000	80	Choice & fancy feeders, 2-3% shrink, 5-8 cent slide	65.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	804	51-98	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	50.50-56.50
Montana	Feeders	Auction	2,440	50-115	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	53.00-60.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	222		Utility & good, wooled & shorn	27.00-32.00
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1,404		Utility & good, wooled & shorn	20.00-32.00
New Mexico	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1,500		Utility & good, wooled & shorn	35.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Direct	7,000	110-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, yield basis	52-55.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auction	585	90-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, Goldthwaite	51-58.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1,120	95-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, S.Angelo	54.50-59.00
Oklahoma	Feeders	Auction	110	90-95	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, El Reno	54.50-56.00
Texas	Feeders	Direct	11,000	60-85	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, overnight stand	58.00-60.00
Texas	Feeders	Auctions	535	50-95	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, Gold./Junction	54.00-61.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	4,620	40-100	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, San Angelo	55.00-63.50
Texas	Feeders	Auction	3,780	40-100	Good & choice feeders, spring pelts, San Angelo	45.00-57.00
Oklahoma	Sl. Ewes	Auction	112		Utility & good, El Reno	31.00-38.50
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Direct	1,000		Utility & good	30.00-37.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	718		Good, Goldthwaite / Junction	33.00-39.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	1,077		Utility, Goldthwaite / Junction	26.00-33.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	7,200		Utility & good, San Angelo	33.00-41.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	7,200		Cull, San Angelo	26.00-33.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	240		Good & choice baby-tooth ewes, Goldthwaite	44.00-50.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	1,152		Good & choice baby-tooth ewes, per head, S.Angelo	53.50-55.50
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	768		Good & choice baby-tooth ewes, San Angelo	40.00-45.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Illinois	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	375	130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, spring pelts	55.00
Iowa/Ill.	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	380	128	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, spring pelts	53.50
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	385	126	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, spring pelts	53.50
Midwest	Sl. Lambs	Direct	4,475	115-150	Ch., few pr., YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, 4% shrink	50.00-56.00
Midwest	Sl. Lambs	Direct	425	128-136	Ch., few pr., YG 2-3, old crop, 4% shrink	54.00-55.00
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Auction	730	102-154	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, spring pelts, Kalona	51.50-55.00
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Auction	457	73-141	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled old crop, Kalona	50.50-57.00
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	770	100-137	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring pelts	51.00-55.00
Nebraska	Sl. Lambs	Auction	487	90-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Omaha	53.00-54.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1,572	102-147	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, Sioux Falls	51.25-55.90
Iowa	Feeders	Auction	193	37-90	Choice & fancy, spring pelts, Kalona	50.00-64.50
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	460	60-90	Choice & fancy, S. St. Paul	52.00-65.00
Missouri	Feeders	Auction	535	50-100	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, Springfield	52.00-61.00
N. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	154	51-65	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, West Fargo	58.00-65.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	561	78-93	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts, Faith	57.50-61.25
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	183	76-105	Mostly choice feeders, spring pelts, Sioux Falls	51.00-58.25
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auction	251		Utility & good, Kalona	26.00-36.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	250		Utility & good, S. St. Paul	25.00-30.00
Missouri	Sl. Ewes	Auction	146		Utility & good, Springfield	31.00-34.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	132		Utility & good, wooled/shorn, Faith	27.75
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	189		Utility & good, shorn, Sioux Falls	30.00-35.00
Iowa	St. Ewes	Auction	270		Ewe lambs, Kalona	33.25-38.00
Iowa	St. Ewes	Auction	234		Solid mouth ewes, per head, Sioux City	32.00-34.00
EASTERN						
Ohio/Indiana	Sl. Lambs	Pool	550	100-125	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, new crop	48.00-51.00
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Electronic	270	90-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, new crop	52.14
Kentucky	Sl. Lambs	Auction	387	105-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, new crop	53.00
Kentucky	Sl. Lambs	Auction	208	105-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn old crop	40.00-50.00
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Auction	630	100-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, new crop	50.00-54.50
Penn.	Sl. Lambs	Auction	295	60-110	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring pelts	55.00-70.00
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	375	81-118	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring pelts	50.00-55.50
Ohio	Feeders	Auction	147	60-80	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	52.00-59.00
Virginia	Feeders	Auctions	205	50-85	Choice & fancy feeders, spring pelts	53.50-64.50
Penn	Sl. Ewes	Auction	166		Utility & good, wooled/shorn	25.00-45.00

Source: ASI Market Information/USDA

WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET AND DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET

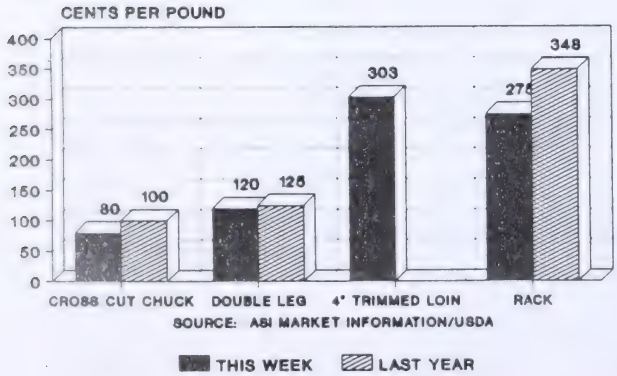
W/E 07/16/93	FOB OMAHA BASIS	CAF NORTHEAST	CAF SO. CALIF.
CARCASSES YG 1-4**			
55/DN	NA	$1.25-1.255	
55/DN YG 1-3			NA
60/DN YG 1-3			NA
55-65	NA	$1.25-1.255	
60-65 YG 1-3			NA
65-75	NA	$1.25-1.255	NA
75/UP	NA	$1.10-1.15	
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2			
55/DN			$1.35(carlot)
60/DN			$1.40
55-65		$1.45	
60-65			$1.35
65-75			$1.25

		BOXED LAMB CUTS: YG 1-4** W/E 07/09/93		DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE W/E 07/09/93	
		VOLUME*	PRICE RANGE	N.E. COAST	SO. CALIF.
3 Way	55/DN	2500	$1.35-1.55		
	**YG 1-3	150	$1.35		
	**CERT.				
	55-65	1500	$1.39-1.55		
	**YG 1-3	25	$1.35		
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN	350	$2.50-2.75	$2.55-2.90	
	7/UP	2000	M$2.75-3.00	$2.60-2.95	
	YG 1-3 7/UP				**$2.80-2.90
Shoulder, cross cut		2350	M$0.80-0.85		
Chuck, sq cut, split		2250	M$1.10-1.15	$0.70-0.90	**$0.90-0.95
Loin, 4 inch trim		2425	$3.10-3.40	$2.80-3.25	**$3.25-3.35
Legs, dbl trtr on		1275	$1.10-1.30	$1.10-1.30	**$1.40-1.50
Legs, sngl trtr off		2100	$1.25-1.50		**$1.75-1.85
Legs, sngl bnls		950	M$1.95-2.25		
Breast, sq cut		1850	$0.20-0.30	$0.25-0.35	
Foreshanks		1200	M$1.10-1.30	$0.95-1.15	**$1.25-1.35
Ribs, Denver style		250	$1.15-1.39		
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2					
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN				
	7/UP	75	$2.85-3.10		$2.85
Chuck, sq cut, split		50	$1.25-1.34		$0.95
Loins, 4 inch trim		75	$3.15-3.60		$3.30
Legs, dbl trtr on		50	$1.45		$1.45
Legs, sngl trtr off		100	$1.40-1.53		$1.80
Legs, sngl bnls		50	$2.05		
Breasts, sq cut		50	$0.55-0.70		
Foreshanks		50	$1.30-1.45		$1.30

*BOX COUNT, BASIS **YG 3 OR BETTER WHERE NOTED, M = MOSTLY (not full price range)

NA - NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO FLOODING IN THE MIDWEST

EAST COAST CUT PRICES
AVERAGE



COMMENTS

WHOLESALE CARCASS TRADE: Compared to last week, lamb carcass prices CAF East Coast and FOB Omaha basis traded steady on all weights. FOB Omaha is showing a steady undertone. A weak to lower undertone prevailed on the CAF California market. Movement was slow on light offerings and a light demand.

Carcasses *Certified* by USDA Week Ending 07/09/93: 14,932, 18.4 percent of estimated slaughter.

USDA CUTOUT VALUE, W/E 07/09/93: NORTHEAST TRADE, BASED ON INDUSTRY YIELDS. This week's cutout for 65/down carcasses was valued at $132.80, down $0.20. The 65/up carcasses were valued at $132.50, down $0.75. Note: no adjustments were made for processing or distributing costs.

NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUT TRADE: Compared to last week boxed lamb cuts traded mostly steady to weak with most of the weakness in chuck cuts. Rack and loin cuts held mostly steady. Movement was slow and offerings were moderate for a light demand.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE: In the Northeast distributive trade, 55/down carcasses traded steady to $3.00 lower than last week with prices ranging from $137-$145. Lamb cuts traded mostly steady to weak. Racks were mixed with a steady to firm market in the New York City area. Legs were unevenly steady and trended toward firm in some areas. Trimmed loins and chucks were steady to lower. Movement was very slow on moderate offerings and a mostly light demand.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 07/03/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
SHEEP	83,000	+2.5	-11.7	92,243	2,762,000	-4.9
CATTLE	616,000	+9.6	-5.2	674,095	17,518,000	0.0
CALF	20,000	+17.6	-13.0	19,425	628,000	-13.8
HOGS	1,634,000	+15.4	-4.4	1,543,981	48,397,000	-1.3

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 06/26/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
LAMB	5.5	+2.2	-5.2	6.4	179.6	-2.2
BEEF	418.8	+10.1	-9.2	448.1	11,881.0	-1.2
VEAL	4.7	+17.5	-6.0	4.8	141.2	-12.4
PORK	300.2	+15.4	-2.7	307.4	8,860.4	+1.1
TOTAL	729.2	+12.2	-6.6	766.7	21062.2	-0.4

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	67	07/03/93	93.7
06/26/93 (ACT.)	65	07/04/92	93.0

SHEEP SALE

Coming Events

1993

August 12

LAMB DAYS '93. *Canada West invites producers to Lamb Days '93. Canada West Foods Corp., Innisfail, Alberta. Demonstration of new classification system. On-hand live grading of lambs. Discussion on railgrade vs liveweight. An inside look at the working of the plant. Video - 'Lamb to Carcass'. For more information, contact either of the following at 227-3386: Andrew Tye or Ray Fielding. To arrange proper facilities, we need to book your attendance. When these dates fill up, Canada West will add other dates later in the year.*

August 12-15

DAWSON CREEK FALL FAIR. *Something for everyone - country & city folk alike. Parades, BBQ's, pancake breakfasts, talent night. Shows in heavy & light horse, cattle, sheep, goats & 4-H competitions. There are also craft, home baking & gardening competitions. There are educational displays, shearing & herding demonstrations. Free events for children throughout the fair. Full midway, fireworks, Little Britches rodeo and 3 days of NAR & BCRA sanctioned rodeo events PLUS a concert by Patricia Conroy and Blue Horse Band. Come & experience the fun & hospitality in northeastern B.C. We offer an action packed FULL weekend here in Dawson Creek. See you all in August! For more information please phone Brad or Victoria Manson, (604) 843-7185 or write to us for a prize book here in Arras, B.C., VOC 1BO.*

August 13-14

CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS LIMITED WOOL COLLECTION FOR PEACE RIVER REGION. *We will have transport trailers positioned for wool loading at the following locations: - Fairview College, Friday, August 13, 9 AM - 12 PM; Miles O Farm (across from Wheat Pool yard on Hwy 49), Dawson Creek, B.C., Friday, August 13 - 2 PM - 5 PM (BC time); Prairie Mall Parking Lot, Grande Prairie, Saturday, August 14 - 9AM - 12 PM and Petro Canada, Valleyview, Saturday, August 14 - 2 PM - 5 PM. Advance payments 20 cents - 40 cents per pound with final payments to follow after grading. Consignment only for black wool & offsorts. Supplies will be available upon request. For further information and to book space on our transport please contact CCWG, 4500 - 50th Street, Box 1530, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-4343 or fax 963-4301.*

August 16

THE CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS *are having their second WOOL/MOHAIR collections, at Burnt Lake Auction, Red Deer from 9 AM to 3 PM. The freight charges to Lethbridge on all wool received will be absorbed by C.C.W.G. The initial price for wool/mohair has yet to be determined. Contact Art or Linda Wiebe, 782-2748.*

August 19

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August 21

MILLARVILLE FAIR. *For more information about the Angora Goat Section contact John Toye at (403) 931-3472.*

August 21

SHUSWAP SHEEP BREEDERS 3RD ANNUAL SHEEP SALE. *11 A.M., I.P.E. Fairgrounds, Armstrong, B.C. Register early! Space limited to 500 head. Open to all healthy sheep - purebred, commercial, rams, ewes, feeder and finished lambs. Auctioneer - Ken Threlkeld. For more information and entry forms contact Harold Threlkeld, Armstrong, 604-546-8353 or Bruce Husband, Salmon Arm, 604-832-6257.*

August 27-29

TENDING DOG HERDING WORKSHOP. *Beginning the evening of August 27, Calera Ranch is pleased to present Lynette Milleville, shepherd from Portland, Connecticut, for two weekends of herding instruction in the tending style of livestock work. This is the first introduction of this type of herding work in Canada. Long utilised in Europe, but new to North America, this usage of the herding dog is different from the driving and the gathering of dogs. Topics include: The history of this type of stock work, obedience for stock work, moving stock, penning, containment and strip grazing, training methods and possibly road work. This workshop is of interest to anyone wanting to eventually trial dogs in the tending style, Silviculture personnel, farmers and ranchers, as well as dog enthusiasts. For more information, please contact Patricia Scarr, Box 88, Beiseker, Alberta TON OGO, phone 935-4282.*

August 28

CHINOOK ALL BREED GOAT SALE *at Olds College in sheep barn. For more information contact sale committee, Carolyn Brocca, 756-3309 or Cathy Prince, 938-4227.*

August 28

THE PROGRESSIVE SHEEP BREEDERS SALE *consisting of commercial & purebred sheep is planned for 1 P.M. at the Olds Livestock Pavilion, Olds, Alberta. For more information call Gordon Fulton, Bowden, at 224-3753 or Warren Moore, Stavely at 549-2464.*

August 28

MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

August 28-29	***THE NATURAL FIBRE FESTIVAL '93.*** *Chestermere Lake Community Center, Calgary, Alberta. A celebration of natural textile fibres from production to processed items - livestock displays & craft works. A 'feast' of animal fibre possibilities and natural fibre products. For more information contact Canadian Natural Fibre Association, Box 3151, Olds, TOM 1PO or call Michael Vine 556-8355, Fen Roessingh 337-2221, Joan Embleton 293-0464 or Nigel Alchin-Smith 329-6039.*
September 1	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
September 3-5 & 6	***TENDING DOG HERDING WORKSHOP.*** *Beginning the evening of September 3, Calera Ranch is pleased to present Lynette Milleville, shepherd from Portland, Connecticut, for two weekends of herding instruction in the tending style of livestock work. This is the first introduction of this type of herding work in Canada. Long utilised in Europe, but new to North America, this usage of the herding dog is different from the driving and the gathering of dogs. Topics include: The history of this type of stock work, obedience for stock work, moving stock, penning, containment and strip grazing, training methods and possibly road work. This workshop is of interest to anyone wanting to eventually trial dogs in the tending style, Silviculture personnel, farmers and ranchers, as well as dog enthusiasts.* ***September 6 - Trial Demonstrations.*** *For more information, please contact Patricia Scarr, Box 88, Beiseker, Alberta TON OGO, phone 935-4282.*
September 11	***REGISTERED RAM & EWE SALE.*** *Dawson Creek. Animal must be registered by mid-August for the catalogue. All breeds welcome. For more information call Andy Bohn (604) 759-4973 or Bob Hicks (604) 843-7697.*

September 18	***ANNUAL SHEEP SALE.*** *Williams Lake Livestock Yards. Hosted by Cariboo Sheep Breeders in conjunction with the B.C. Livestock Association. For more information contact Cariboo Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 70, 150 Mile House, B.C. VOK 2GO.*
September 18-19	***LAMBS IN LACOMBE.*** *"Renaissance Theme" - The complete sheep fair. Lots of fun for the whole family - Lean Lamb Field Day, Fashion Show, Fleece Competition, Jr. Sheep Show, Trade Show, Childrens Barn, Dog Trials and Sheep Production Display. Watch for the various contests. For more information contact Edith Williams at 403-784-3511.*
September 20	***SHEEP & GOAT SALE.*** *Market and feeder lambs, culls and goats at 1:00 PM at the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Yards, Lloydminster. Contact Brent or Russ at 306-825-8831. Breeding stock - purebred and commercial replacement ewes and rams sell at 7:00 PM. Alberta Building - Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds. Pre-entries close September 13th. Contact Val at 306-825-5571 for entry forms and more information.*
September 25	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
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November 5-14	**EDMONTON NORTHLANDS WOOL COMPETITION.** Entries close September 24, 1993. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class. There will be five classes including a coloured class. Fleeces to be received at Edmonton Northlands, November 4, 1993. For further information contact - Doug Laurie, Box 13, Site 10, R R #4, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-6711 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G OE3, 436-5992.
November 25-27	**1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM.** Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta. Watch our next issue for details.
November 27	**MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE** at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
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HERE'S A PAT ON THE BACK FOR ALBERTA LAMB!

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20/6/93

Canada West Foods (Alberta) Corp.
Box 1600
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Attention: Ray Fielding

Sir:

I've been buying your short cut legs of Canada West lamb, fresh, at Loebs, here in Kingston.

As an English lady who's enjoyed the best lamb in the world - English Lamb - may I say that I despaired of ever getting any lamb in Canada as good, fresh, meaty, tasty - until I bought your lamb.

Marvellous stuff!

Please congratulate the farmers who reared it and please keep sending it all year round to Loebs.

I haven't been able to get my once a week 5 lb leg recently - Loebs haven't got it - only that rotten New Zealand stuff.

Can you help?

Sincerely

Margaret Gorbutt

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19TH ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

Kim Stanford
Sheep Specialist
Alberta Agriculture, Lethbridge

A large and enthusiastic crowd of buyers and spectators was on hand July 3 at the Olds Cow Palace for the 19th Annual Alberta Ram Test Station Sale. Comparing the average price obtained at the sale ($433.68) to that of a year ago ($328.62) is clear evidence that the Alberta market for sheep breeding stock is at last pulling out of its price slump. The event which drew buyers from across western Canada saw some of the best performance tested lambs and yearlings in the nation offered for sale. Gross receipts of $14,745 were obtained and 34 of the 37 rams on offer found buyers.

The top indexing ram was from the Suffolk flock of Kirk Seaborn of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. He had an average daily gain of .657 kg per day (1.45 lbs per day). A growth record of .508 kg/day (1.12 lbs) was set in 1993 by Pete Lawson of Okotoks, Alberta for the Polypay breed. This year also saw a record average growth rate of .555 kg/day for the Suffolk breed. The high selling ram, which was from the Suffolk flock of Tom Seaborn of Rocky Mountain House, sold for $1325 to Walter Jerram of Morinville, Alberta.

The Alberta Sheep Breeder's Trophy for the highest group A.D.G. in four or more rams went to Tom Seaborn of Rocky Mountain House. His Suffolk rams averaged .582 kg/day. The Canadian Cooperative Wool Grower's trophy for the yearling with the highest overall index on the Wool Breeds Test went to the Rambouillet ram of Olds College.

One hundred thirty five rams from twenty one contributors were entered on test this year. Only rams above the station average for A.D.G. for their breed are considered for sale. A culling committee further rejects rams with incorrect legs, feet, testicles, etc. from this group so that this year approximately 27% of the animals entered on test made their way through the screening process to the sale.

The following is a summary of the 1993 Ram Test Station results:

BREED	NUMBER COMPLETING TEST	A.D.G. (kg/day)	NUMBER SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE	HIGH PRICE
SUFFOLK	82	.555	24	$449	$1325
DORSET	8	.421	2	$328	$330
HAMPSHIRE	6	.467	1	$290	$290
POLYPAY	9	.427	4	$395	$800
RAMBOUILLET	25	.426	0*	---	---
YEARLINGS	3	----	3	$483	$700

* 7 rams entered on Wool Breeds Test

1993 Alberta Ram Test Station Sale Results

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
1	Suffolk	Kirk E. Seaborn	$470	Allan Peppard, Innisfail, AB
2	Dorset Polled	Briar Glen Farms	$325	Lakeland College, Vermilion, AB
3	Polypay	Peter/Leslie Lawson	$800	Helmut Peters, Spedden, AB
4	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$450	Ovine Enviro Systems Inc., Taber, AB
5	Dorset Polled	Briar Glen Farms	Pass	
6	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$290	Harvey Waddy, Hanna, AB
7	Suffolk	A. T. Matejka	$250	K. G. Alexander, Cayley, AB
8	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$500	Veteran Colony, Veteran, AB
9	Suffolk	Brian Kure	$850	Sudon Farm, Edberg, AB
10	Suffolk	Clarence Jones	$450	Ken-Lin Stock Farm, Lethbridge, AB
11	Suffolk	Olds College	$360	Ward Mortenson, Govan, SK
12	Suffolk	A. T. Matejka	Pass	
13	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$275	Ryan Radke, Craigmyle, AB
14	Dorset Polled	Briar Glen Farms	Pass	
15	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$400	Ovine Enviro Systems Inc., Taber, AB
16	Suffolk	G. Alexander	$290	K. G. Alexander, Cayley, AB
17	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$325	Michael Monner, Milo, AB
18	Suffolk	Cyril S. Seutter	$250	E. Williams, Ponoka, AB
19	Suffolk	Clarence Jones	$250	Susan Clark, Hussar, AB
20	Hampshire	Peggy Newman	$290	George Millar, Jones River Bridge, AB
21	Rambouillet	Olds College	$700	Larry Madge, Milk River, AB
22	Rambouillet	Misty Ridge Rambouillets	$450	Michael Monner, Milo, AB
23	Rambouillet	Happy Valley Farm	$300	Joanna Hougham, Camrose, AB
24	Polypay	John Balderson	$320	Keith Yuill, Onoway, AB
25	Suffolk	Tom Seaborn	$675	Veteran Colony, Veteran, AB
26	Suffolk	Clarence Jones	$260	Don Juneau, Rosemary, AB
27	Suffolk	Tom Seaborn	$1325	Walter Jerram, Morinville, AB
28	Polypay	John Balderson	$200	K. G. Alexander, Cayley, AB
29	Suffolk	Brian Kure	$725	Fred Suter, Landis, SK
30	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$370	Susan Clark, Hussar, AB
31	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$410	Canada/Alberta Livestock Research Trust Inc., Lethbridge, AB
32	Suffolk	A. T. Matejka	$290	Starland Colony, Drumheller, AB
33	Suffolk	Thomas Seaborn	$460	Walt Strand, Lethbridge, AB
34	Dorset Polled	Briar Glen Farms	$330	Ryan Radke, Craigmyle, AB
35	Suffolk	Gerry Schalin	$320	Sun-Roc Ranching, Sundre, AB
36	Polypay	John Balderson	$260	K. G. Alexander, Cayley, AB
37	Suffolk	Walt Strand	$525	Leonel/Holly Lindstrom, Gunn, AB

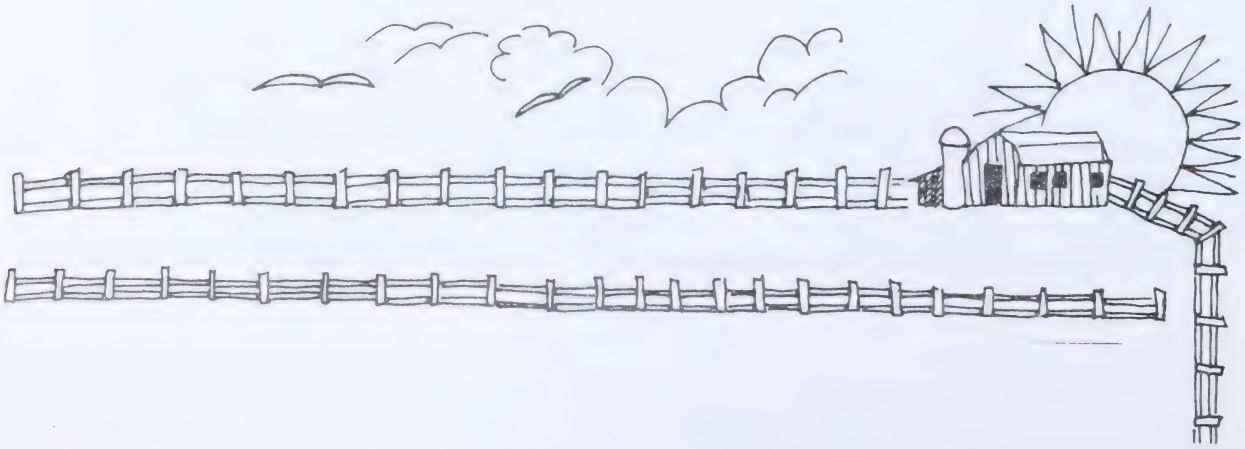
The following is a summary of test station results since the first test season in 1975:

YEAR	BREEDERS ON PROGRAM	RAMS ENTERED ON TEST	A.D.G. (SUFFOLK RAM LAMBS)	HEAD SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE (ALL RAMS)	TOP PRICE
1975	12	85	.32 Kg	45	$223	$525
1976	7	70	.36 Kg	43	$231	$450
1977	14	165	.36 Kg	53	$244	$500
1978	16	153	.42 Kg	57	$275	$1050
1979	17	123	.49 Kg	52	$331	$675
1980	17	101	.48 Kg	44	$323	$520
1981	23	102	.48 Kg	40	$375	$775
1982	28	115	.47 Kg	49	$387	$1100
1983	38	173	.514 Kg	61	$332	$750
1984	37	*228	.550 Kg	72	$384	$1500
1985	38	*202	.534 Kg	61	$421	$1350
1986	28	**238	.516 Kg	51	$416	$950
1987	24	**190	.508 Kg	64	$558	$2800
1988	37	*226	.518 Kg	74	$598	$1650
1989	51	*330	.519 Kg	76	$519	$2400
1990	37	*224	.505 Kg	66	$350	$900
1991	27	*176	.520 Kg	47	$310	$800
1992	27	*174	.488 Kg	40	$329	$660
1993	21	*135	.555 Kg	34	$434	$1325

*Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test
**Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test and Hays Pasture Test

Test Station organizers wish to thank everyone involved in making the year and the sale such a success. With continued enthusiasm and support of the type in evidence this year, the 1994 season should be another good one for the Alberta Ram Test Station.

Anyone interested in obtaining more detailed information on the 1993 Alberta Ram Test Station should contact Kim Stanford, Sheep Specialist, Alberta Agriculture, Bag #3014, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 4C7. Phone (403) 381-5106.



RISK OF PARASITE SCOURS, LUNGWORMS AND FOOTROT IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA SHEEP

This has been the wettest spring and summer in the south country for decades. Parasitic worm larvae flourish under such conditions as also does the dreaded footrot. During normal years these conditions are largely kept at bay on dry, non-irrigated pastures.

Grazing sheep, especially lambs, could become heavily infected with worms during the next few months. The chief sign of stomach and intestinal parasitism is widespread scouring. All animals of a particular age group are expected to be affected to some extent. The sheep are otherwise healthy but, weight gains will suffer. However, if the pasture becomes overgrazed or, if small numbers of, for example rams, are confined to small paddocks, and these become bare, severe disease can suddenly develop and animals will die. One species of worm, Haemonchus (the barber pole worm), sucks blood from the stomach. It does not cause scouring but rather anemia. Affected sheep develop a condition known as bottle jaw, a watery swelling forming under the jaw. Such sheep are weak and lose condition. It is very important to watch closely and often animals at risk.

Lungworm disease is not often seen in southern Alberta but, as with alimentary tract worms, it could become a problem this fall. The two conditions could exist together. Lungworm disease causes sheep to cough, especially after they have been exercised. This disease can also quickly develop. Fecal examinations will help to diagnose these parasitisms.

August and September are the danger periods. A variety of treatments are available, some are effective against both gastro-intestinal worms and lungworms. Following treatment, animals should be moved to a cleaner pasture - one which has not been grazed at least by young ruminants during recent months. If sheep are not moved to cleaner pastures following treatment, they will quickly become re-infected from the contaminated pasture. All sheep should be treated after leaving pasture in the fall. This will prevent the ongoing damaging effect of worms during the winter.

Footrot could become a real problem if sheep are carelessly bought and they happen to be infected. Crowding sheep on damp ground favours persistence and spread of disease. If sheep are bought, their feet should be carefully examined by someone with footrot experience and even then they are best placed in quarantine for 1 - 2 months and watched for signs of lameness.

More detailed information on these diseases and the choice and administration of deworming drugs can be obtained through your veterinarian or sheep specialist.

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CONTRACTORS REPORT ON FORESTRY GRAZING

We presently have 9,000 sheep out on 6 contracts. Vernon, Salmon Arm, Malakwa, Enderby, Prince George and the Upper Duncan. All our contracts are progressing very well with the Forest Districts' trying sheep for the first time discovering what a wonderful tool they are in their brushing program. Each district has expressed a desire to expand the program. Two of the contracts started 2 weeks earlier than predicted and caused a minor stir but they are both now actively in operation. Our Malakwa contract proved to be too muddy for the sheep a this time with the volume of rain we've had so we shifted those sheep to either Enderby or the Upper Duncan where conditions are more ideal. We will examine the Malakwa area a little later and go back in once it dries up more. We will use some more sheep from Alberta to do this.

From a contracting viewpoint I would like to make a few observations on some of the flocks out there: one flock obviously hadn't trimmed their feet properly if at all, and as a result we see broken, ragged edges where the ski parts have ripped off. This causes the sheep and shepherds no end of grief.

We've had a few surprise packages both in some of the sheep that were being stored here at home until needed and also several from one flock in particular while out on the block. Fortunately these little bundles nearly all come in the pens during the night or during the mid-day penning. Shepherds and forestry really from on these little items and we're keeping good records of who the offenders are. You'll be hearing from our shepherds. We've also had some lumps turn up in the flanks of some sheep. Veterinary inspection and testing indicate that they are vaccination lumps. There are a pain as they tend to attract fly strike.

All in all apart from these few items, the program is going exceptionally well. There is plenty of rain and the vegetation is growing at a more manageable rate than last year when everything shot up all at once. There have been no predator interactions at all to date. Forestry and Wildlife officials are very impressed with the work the predator dogs do and the fact that none of the shepherds have a gun in camp. A lot of fears on the part of the Minister of Environment have been put to rest. We'll try to keep them there.

Our main complaint came from the producer who had no help at any time to prepare their sheep, inspect their sheep or load their sheep. Our shepherds wound up trimming hundreds of sheeps' feet so they could get certified in time. Truckers were also very peeved at being expected to load alone. Contrary to one producers' statement that the "sheep just run on the truck", they usually don't unless everyone is prepared with lots of help and well organized. I suppose this is the lament of shearers, horse shoers and now contractors.

We attended a tour of dignitaries from the U.S. and Canada who are looking longingly at our program where we get paid to graze crown land while they are being threatened with eviction. The two blocks we visited showed dramatic differences in grazing styles and equipment. One block had the policy of having the sheep out from 7 in the morning till the evening. We met some very weary shepherds the day before from this type of contract. They were pretty burned out. I'm not sure there's any increase in production on the sheep's part as they will lay down in the mid-day anyway, but the shepherds looked like they were the ones who should have been laying down. We wish them luck. We saw another site that featured welded metal panelling in 12 foot lengths. The shepherds appeared very well informed and capable but were sceptical of having to take all day to move the panels weighing 48 pounds each.

We understand that one other major contract is experiencing 85% tree damage from the B.C. sheep on the block. No one seems to know the cause unless somehow these sheep have been accustomed to eating trees. No amount of moving seems to have helped. They are also experiencing some footrot and I would want to ensure that no Alberta sheep are with this flock.

We've heard of no major problems on any of the numerous other contracts and would like to compliment both those producers who did an excellent job of preparing their sheep and sifting their sheep and all those other contractors who are doing an excellent job and giving the program a good name and reason for expansion. With expansion there will undoubtedly be a shortage of sheep. It is this companies' policy to use only Canadian sheep first so that the farmer can receive the much needed revenue from the program. Only once the Canadian supply is exhausted will we look elsewhere for sheep. Good shepherds are also hard to find so we have an ongoing program of training Canadians to become competent shepherds. We've had good luck so far.

Yours

Marilyn

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CANADIAN CO-OPERATIVE WOOL GROWERS LIMITED

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

INTERNATIONAL WOOL MARKETING

The 1992 wool marketing year recorded modest price recovery over the low values of 1991, however once again the market is struggling in 1993 as prices have depreciated due to continuing world wide recession conditions. Allowing for inflation current prices for wool are the lowest that they have been in the last 50 years which does not paint a very rosy picture at the present time. Worldwide wool production is now decreasing as a direct result of current conditions and in time this will reverse the present supply and demand imbalance.

At the international level, demand for wool is weak mainly because of a downturn or recession in many of the major wool consuming countries. China purchased much of the wool not wanted by other countries following the weakening of demand from Europe and Japan in mid 1992. However recent difficulties with obtaining hard currency and the associated fall in the value of the yuan have resulted in both a decline in China's demand and a fall in the price processors in China are willing to pay. With weaker buying support from other major purchasers (Japan, Taiwan, South Korea, Eastern and Western Europe), the auction prices worldwide have fallen.

Therefore major factors in the decline of wool prices were the withdrawal of one of the world's largest users of wool, China; the collapse of the Russian economy, which caused the country to withdraw from the market entirely, and the economic recessions in Japan and Europe, which also are large users of wool.

Not only did consumption drop sharply after 1987, but the high prices in that year also encouraged expanded wool production throughout the world. An increase was particularly noted in major Southern Hemisphere countries, which boasted excellent growing conditions and expanded production in response to higher prices. World wool production peaked in the 1989-90 season at 7.4 billion pounds. This compares to the average annual production of 7.1 billion pounds produced in 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1992. In

addition to today's current production numbers, there is official worldwide wool stocks of 4.4 million bales which is approximately 1.75 billion pounds. On top of that, there are at least 320 million pounds in growers hands, unsold from this year's clip just in Australia.

Accompanying the fall in prices has been a narrowing of the price differential for fine wools over coarse wools. These differences reflect the weak demand for wool by many of the major wool consuming countries because of the recession, in particular in Japan and Italy. These countries predominately buy fine wool rather than coarser wools. China continues to be a large buyer for medium and coarse wools which are used primarily for knitwear and there is also a continuing fashion trend away from formal fine wool worsted suits towards bulkier but light-weight separates and casual clothes, including knitwear. This trend favours broader wools and cardings.

Wool prices are expected to improve somewhat once China's current difficulties with hard currency are resolved. However, wool prices like prices for many other raw fibres and commodities, will not recover significantly until the economies of major wool consuming countries recover and return to more normal economic growth rates. At the present time it is difficult to predict when this recovery will commence.

DOMESTIC WOOL MARKET AND CCWG REORGANIZATION

In terms of Canadian wool marketing we experienced a growth of almost 32% in wool volume from the previous marketing year. This was due in part to some of the 1991 wool clip that was held back from the market place and marketed with the 1992 wool clip. It was also a result of an improved wool collection and co-ordination effort at all of our branches and wool depots. Overall company sales increased by over $500,000 however profitability slipped due to a very fragile global wool market and difficult retailing conditions at our branches. The nature of retailing is changing very quickly and our organization recognizes the need to adapt to these changing times if we are to continue offering competitive pricing and our very best customer service.

In view of this situation the company will be taking immediate steps to reduce costs of operation and a number of streamlining procedures will be implemented to achieve this, none of which will directly affect our services to sheep producers. In Eastern Canada, our Lennoxville, Quebec branch will be closed on June 30th and all Quebec and Maritime customers will be serviced from our head office at Carleton Place, Ontario for both wool collection, stockman supply and wool shop orders. In Western Canada our Stony Plain Branch will also be closed on August 30th after which time all wool collection and stockman supply orders will be co-ordinated and serviced from our Lethbridge Branch. We plan to have convenient wool loading days which will be held at regular intervals and will be well advertised in advance to sheep

producers and held in areas where there is sufficient wool to assemble a truckload. At this time we are pleased to announce that effective September 1st we have established a new year round wool collection depot at Farmers Feed & Supply Ltd which is located at 4916 - 50th Street in Stony Plain. Hours of operation for wool delivery and weighing is 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number is 963-2147, fax number is 963-9931 and the contact person is Mr. Jack Latham. We wish to assure producers that stockman supply orders will continue to be given top priority for prompt shipment via mail, bus or courier from our Lethbridge Branch. Some of our Stony Plain staff will be transferred to our Lethbridge Branch in this consolidation. As an added convenience producers will be able to order supplies from our Lethbridge Branch through a toll free 1-800 number as of September 1st. We anticipate that there will be no disruption or delay for wool collection service and stockman supply orders and that these cost savings will be passed directly on to sheep producers.

Our objective is to reduce operating costs, maximize labour, improve inventory control and to improve our overall efficiency. A number of other initiatives are also being addressed in our long term strategic plan to improve upon our competitive position. We want to reiterate to producers that the company is financially sound and our continued commitment is to be a stable and competitive wool buyer and distributor of sheep supplies. It is our sincerest intention to improve our overall service to sheep producers and we respectfully request your co-operation and understanding while this cost saving transition is taking place.

To our producers we thank you for your continued support and patronage as we enter our 75th year of serving Canada's sheep and wool producers.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Bjergso
General Manager

WOOL ADVANCE PAYMENT EFFECTIVE - JULY/1993

DOMESTIC	-	15 - 20 CENTS
RANGE	-	30 - 40 CENTS
TAGS, OFFSORTS, CHAFFY & DAMAGED	-	CONSIGNMENT ONLY.
MOHAIR	-	25 CENTS

Please contact our Branches at Lethbridge 327-3760 and Stony Plain 963-4343 for further information on wool market conditions and prices.
(Lethbridge Branch 1-800-567-3693 effective September 1st for stockman supply order desk)

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ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following directors and management were duly elected and appointed to the following positions and committee's at the 75th Annual Board of Directors meeting on April 30, 1993.

Central Executive

President	Shirley Hollyoake
1st Vice President	A. Russell Simpson
2nd Vice President	Dorothy Sloan
	James R. Hewitt

CSF Representative Dorothy Sloan

Donna Zeman, Corporate Secretary was appointed Executive Director

Director Elections

The following Canadian Co-operate Wool Growers Limited directors term of office will expire in 1993. Any shareholder interested in a director position is required to file a nomination ballot supported by three shareholders from the provincial sub district in which they reside, at least 60 days prior to the provincial shareholders meeting. Copies of our corporate bylaws and nomination papers are available upon request from any branch of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited.

Alberta North	-	Lindsay Ruecker
Saskatchewan North	-	Hazel Kinzie
Manitoba	-	Shirley Hollyoake
Ontario West	-	Dorothy Sloan
Maritimes	-	James R. Hewitt

The Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited board of directors comprises 10 directors from across Canada who each serve alternating two year terms.
An executive committee is then elected annually from within the board of directors by the board of directors. For further information contact:

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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

SUFFOLK/DORSET cross ewes. Exposed to rams for pre-Christmas lambs. Have been in the business for about 23 years. Lee, Bittern Lake, 352-2949 (8)

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3 - 3 YR old Romanov/Suffolk ewes. Excellent producers. Healthy closed flock. 1 Romanov ram. Julie, Lacombe, 885-4070 (8)

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FLOCK REDUCTION. Quality proven purebred Suffolk & Columbia ewes. Will sell as a package or separate. Gordon, Rimbey, 843-6802 (8)

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2 RAMS - 1 Dorset, 5 yrs - $75. 150 Hampshire registered, 4 yrs - $50. R.B. Miller, James River Bridge, 538-4297 (8)

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5 PUREBRED Dorset ram lambs. All triplet, born on March 29/93. Claude, Hays, 725-3997 (8)

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RAMBOUILLET RAMS & ewe lambs. John, Two Hills, 657-2048 (8)

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YOUNG DORSET ewes (no culls). Easy lambers & super mothers (200% plus lamb crop!). Ewe & ram lambs are also available. Interested? Call Harvey or Eleanor, Grande Prairie, 532-6772 (evenings only please) (8)

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2 REGISTERED Romney rams. 1 - 2 yr old & 1 - 1 yr old. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (8)

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REGISTERED FINN rams, ram lambs, yearlings & 2 yr old. Cloverdale Farms, Grande Prairie, 532-6117 (8)

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12 SPECKLE face ewes (Finn/Suffolk), 1-4 yrs old. These ewes average 275% lambing this year. These are some of our very best producing ewes but we are going to a white flock. Also speckle face ewe lambs & Finn/Dorset replacement ewe lambs. Lorna or Bill, Tees, 784-3808 (After 6 PM) (8)

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300 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Hexum/Leicester ewe lambs. Sun-Roc Ranching, Sundre, 638-4188 (8)

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3 YR old Romanov ram, throwing multiple births of black, brown, silver & some white. Aggressive with ewes, but nice to handle. Also ewes for sale. Laura, Didsbury, 335-4778 (Before 9 PM) (8)

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BLACK RAM. 3/4 Southdown, 1/4 Finn. 2 yrs old. Merlayne, Stony Plain, 963-7508 (8)

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Purebred Suffolk ram (twin), registered, 18 months old. Proven breeder, purchased at Olds Ram Test Sale - $250. PJZ Farm, Calgary, 286-8354 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK lambs. Excellent growth rate. 2 registered Suffolk ewes. Marie, Barrhead, 674-4543 (Before 8 AM please) (8)

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10 PUREBRED Suffolk ewes. 2 crossbred ewes & 15 lambs. $75 each. First & second lambing. 1 purebred yearling Suffolk ram. Leonard, Marie Reine, 322-2170 (8)

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DISPERSAL - 25 ewes Suffolk crosses & Columbia crosses, 2 Suffolk rams 1 yr old. Brian, Hardisty, 888-2411 (8)

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REGISTERED KATAHDIN sheep. Barbados black belly sheep. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (8)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK 2 yr old ram. Also Suffolk yearling rams. Waco bloodlines. 1 yearling North Country Cheviot ram & ewe lambs. Gerg, Olds, 335-4136 (8)

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10 - 4 yr old Finn ewes with papers & 17 lambs. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (8)

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ROMNEY RAMS, ewes & ewe lambs. Doreen, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram, 4 yr old. M.J. Stephen & Reg Marler breeding. Also 2 purebred Border Leicester ram lambs, Palmerdale/Maple Meadows breeding. Judy, Innisfree, 592-2167 (Early AM or after 6 PM) (8)

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1 APRIL born purebred registered N. Z. Romney ram lamb, twin, Windhaven breeding. Also 1 registered N. Z. Romney ewe. Good for acreage owner. Theresa, Lacombe, 782-2780 (8)

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EXCELLENT SELECTION of Rideau & Canadian Arcott rams & Canadian Arcott ewe lambs including: - 5 proven senior Rideau rams, 4 yearling Rideau rams & some 1993 rams. The Rideau flock has been selected primarily for milk yield & fertility. Also 5 proven senior Canadian rams, 4 yearling Canadian rams & some 1993 rams. The Canadians have been intensively selected for efficiency of lean meat gain, using ROP records & ultrasound measurements. Medicine Ridge Arcotts, Bentley, 748-2624 (8)

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1 - 3 yr OLD registered Polypay ram & 1 registered Cheviot ram. $80 each. Brent, Bowden, 224-3804 (8)

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70 SUFFOLK/Polypay ewes. 45 are 4 yrs old & under. Records available. Bob, Barrhead, 674-3540 (8)

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80 EWES, 1-4 yr olds. Suffolks, Dorsets & crosses. 6 yrs of records. 195% lambing crop. Good clean flock. Also 20 ewe lambs. Dorsets & Suffolks. Twin & triplet born. John, Didsbury, 335-9155 (8)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 75 purebred registered Suffolk ewes, 25 purebred registered North Country Cheviot ewes. Lambed in January. Contact Alan, 967-5171 (After 10 PM) (9)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has for sale quality Texel/Dorset/Finn, Finn/Dorset and purebred Finn ewes & rams from multiple births. Flock is on ROP. Visitors are welcome. Call Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (9)

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FLOCK REDUCTION. Purebred Rambouillet ewes. Different group sizes to suit buyer. 2 Rambouillet yearling rams. Amy-Rob Rambouillets, Didsbury, 335-4348 (9)

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60 COMMERCIAL ewes, 3 rams. Commercial flock. $70 each. Grant, Breton, 696-2013 (9)

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75 COMMERCIAL ewes. Disease-free. Paul or Sherry, Sundre, 638-2619 (9)

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19 CANADIAN Arcott ewes & 1 ram. Also 32 female & male lambs already weaned. Will sell in small lots. Alma, St. Paul, 724-2058 (9)

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REGISTERED DORSET ewe lambs. Born December. Also black rams. Gordon, Bowden, 224-3753 (9)

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AFTER 23 years in North Country Cheviots the remainder of the flock will be sold this year. 23 registered mature ram & ram lambs. Lyle & Doreen Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (9)

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2 PUREBRED registered Suffolk rams. April born. Ann, Legal, 961-2370 (9)

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RAMS: WILLIAMS Dorset, twin, 1989, $125.00. Lenoxville Romanov, quint, 1988, $125.00. Also Dorset cross ewes. Clean healthy flock. Open. $50.00. Frank, Millet, 387-5029 (9)

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WE'VE GONE to the goats! Must sell purebred Country Cheviots. The old goat says there is no room for us. 11 mature ewes, 1 ram, 5 yearling ewes. Willing to split flock. Kris or Jim, Rimbey, 843-3774 (9)

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5 PUREBRED Suffolk ram lambs, $125.00 each. 1 purebred Cheviot ram, 1 yr old, $150.00. 1 purebred Cheviot ram lamb, $125.00. 6 purebred Suffolk ewe lambs, $115.00 each. Glen, Didsbury, 335-4983 (9)

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300 EWES, Corriedale, 2 1/2 yrs old. 5 rams, Corriedale/Targhee, 2 1/2 yrs old. 1 ram Rambouillet cross. 200 yearling lambs. Kent, Creston, B.C., 604-428-7888 (Business & Fax) or 604-428-7652 or 604-428-5056 (9)

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KATAHDIN BREEDING stock. Registered, commercial & crossbreds. Fred, Barrhead, 674-5775 (9)

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REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE ram lamb (Feb '93). Linda, Olds, 556-6687 (evenings or weekends) (9)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK rams - lambs & yearlings, very growthy rams of Waco & Jordan bloodlines. Most twins or triplets. Priced from $150 to $200. Howard, Tofield, 662-4983 (9)

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KATAHDIN SHEEP. Low maintenance. Low cholesterol. Lean meat. Breeding stock. Also breeding stock herds from Spanish meat stock, meat breeding & Cashmere breeding (from Australian). Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (9)

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JANUARY BORN Suffolk ram lambs - $150.00 each. 12 good commercial ewes - $75.00 each. Kathy, Tofield, 662-2748 (9)

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YEARLING RAMBOUILLET rams. Featuring U.S. bloodlines. Fine wool & good carcasses. Gerald, 306-662-3190 or Delbert, 306-662-3885, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan (9)

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SUFFOLK RAMS & ewe lambs. Circle S Suffolk, Beaumont, 929-9300 (9)

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LOST MY shepherd. Must sell 200 good working ewes. Can be bred either Romanov or Texel for fall delivery. Also a couple of good Romanov rams. Tom, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2280 (9)

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2 TWIN-born purebred, could be registered Suffolk ram lambs. Born on April 12/93. The ewe index is 132, pasture raised. The 100-day weights on them are 100 lbs & 104 lbs. Also 16 Suffolk/Romanov/ Rambouillet cross ewe lambs. My ewe flock round out at 244% and the ewe lambs at 180%. Also 1 3 yr old purebred Suffolk ram. Mattias, Valleyview, 524-2465 (9)

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3 POLYPAY rams, 2 yrs old. 2 Finn rams, 2 yrs old. Reasonably priced. Gwen, Red Deer, 347-0668 or Dave, Alix, 747-2293 (evenings) (9)

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2 REGISTERED Rambouillet rams, $250 each. Born April '92. Ewe lambs for $125.00 each, can be registered. Excellent flock, 200% lamb crop this year. Liz, Merritt, B.C., 604-378-6064 (9)

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6 YEARLING Romanov rams. Purebred, no papers. $175 each. Nancy, Dawson Creek, B.C., 604-789-3135 (9)

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SUFFOLK/ROMANOV ewe lambs. Born in Mar-Apr. Ready for breeding this fall. Approx. 50 head. $125 per head. Glen or Kathy, Three Hills, 443-7440 (9)

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PUREBRED COLUMBIA ram lambs & ewe lambs. $150.00. Also 3 yr old Columbia ram. $150.00. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 (9)

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SPRING KIDS - Nubian males & females - $65 - 100. Pygmy males & females. Various ages - $75 - 100. PJZ Farm, Calgary, 286-8354 (8)

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ANGORA HERD dispersal. Does, bucks, kids & wethers. Registered & grade stock. Prices starting at $50. Jerry or Sandy, Winfield, 682-2426 (8)

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3 DOE kids & 1 buck kid out of Toggenburg buck - Saanen does. Born Feb/93. All have horns. Mothers excellent milkers. Will sell or trade for ewes or ewe lambs. Call Laura or Will, Mayerthorpe, 786-2491 (8)

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REGISTERED & commercial Angora goats. For pet or profit. Shearing & kidding records available. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (8)

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VERY SHORT pygmy goats, bred nannies & bottle-fed kids. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (8)

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3 ANGORA bucks & 3 Angora does. Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968 (8)

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1 MATURE buck, Toggenburg cross - $80. 3 buck kids, $50 & $30. 1 doeling - $40. Nubian/Alpine/Saanen cross. And 1 miniature goat - $35. Bonnie, Little Smoky, 524-2061 (8)

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2 PUREBRED Alpine bucks, Edelweiss/Windmill breeding. All very fancy from top milking stock. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (9)

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1 PUREBRED Alpine buck, 2 yr old, $125.00. 1 purebred Alpine buck, 1 yr old, $125.00. 1 purebred Alpine buck, 7 months old, $80.00. 10 Alpine & Alpine cross doe kids, born in January, $80.00. Glen, Didsbury, 335-4983 (9)

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4 HEALTHY young Saanen does, kidded in July, nice for winter milking, tatooed & papered. Erika, Carstairs, 337-2496 or Olds, 556-2299 (9)

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PYGMY GOAT, billy, Anne, Legal, 961-2370 (9)

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ANGORA GOATS. 1 buck, 3 does, registered stock. Angela, Sundre, 638-3116 (9)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL of Blue Star registered herd for health reasons. Top quality healthy heavy shearing stock. 68 breeding bucks, 44 breeding does, 15 kids left. All priced to sell. Blue Star Ranch, Princeton, B.C., 604-295-7143 (9)

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NON-REGISTERED white Nubian buck. Born April 20/93. Also meat kids 50 lbs and up. Laurie, Blue Ridge, 648-2244 (evenings) (9)

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SUMMER SALE of enjoyable, exotic Tennessee fainting goats. Unrelated pairs. Variety of ages. Quality of stock. Reasonable prices. Cindy, Legal, 961-2245 (9)

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SAANEN PUREBRED buck 1 yr old. From high producing excellent uddered dam. Edelweiss Farms, Edmonton, 472-9094 (9)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

PUREBRED BORDER Collie puppies. Both parents working. Marilyn, Wainwright, 842-2372 or 842-2348 (8)

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PYREENES/AKBASH pups. Working parents. Born Mar 14. 2 males, 1 female. Also 14 month old Lassie dogs available. Registered stock. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (8)

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KUVASZ PUPPIES. Ready July 21. Excellent predator control & farm guard dogs. Raised with sheep. Parents both working. $225. Sheila, Calmar, 985-3057 (Meal times or leave message) (8)

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GREAT PYREENES puppies. Ready to go. Gadsby Colony, Gadsby, 574-2402 (8)

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CKC REGISTERED Commondore livestock guardian pups. Parents x-rayed clear for hip dysplasia. Guaranteed. Ready to go. Fred, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, 306-825-2640 (8)

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4 YR old registered Border Collie, female, by Reiger's Tweed, off a daughter of Kopp's Jeff. Lots of handle. Excellent sheep dog. Not quite tough enough for cattle. $1500.00. Terry, Medicine Hat, 839-2341 (8)

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MAREMMA ABRUZZESE puppies. Born April 30th. Excellent livestock guardian dogs. $375 each. Nicoletta Simonelli, Calgary, 281-4881 (8)

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MAREMMA/AKBASH livestock guardian pups. Great companions. $175 each. Also Border Collie puppies. $100 each. Working parents. Bryan, Three Hills, 443-2591 (8)

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GREAT PYRENEES, CKC registered, guaranteed hip displasia free, first shots includes vet inspection. Excellent, guardian or companion dogs from working mom. Tim or Jean, Crossfield, 946-4432 (8)

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MAREMMA PUPPIES. Excellent livestock guard dogs. Parents working with sheep. Can be registered. Ready now. Curtis, Dumster, B.C., 604-968-4309 (8)

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REGISTERED MAREMMA livestock guardian dog pups. Imported from Ohio. 9 weeks old. Have all shots. Raised with sheep. Must sell. $450 each OBO. Sheri, Condor, 729-2650 (8)

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BORDER COLLIES. Top imported lines. Parents excellent working dogs. Both sheep & cattle. Every pup or started dog guaranteed to suit the purchaser. Also guaradian dog pups. Pups to fully trained dogs. Pups properly brought up with sheep. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (8)

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4 GREAT Pyreenes puppies & mother who has had 2 litters. Pups $200 each - offers on Mom. Alma, St. Paul, 724-2058 (9)

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PUREBRED REGISTERED Border Collies; Meg (imported from Wales) x Gus (top Alberta cattle dog); born June 28/93; 3 males, 5 females. Also Kate x Mirk; born May 18/93; 3 males still available. Sandra, Calgary/Cochrane, 286-1993 / 932-2386 (9)

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MAREMMA GUARDIAN puppies ready at the end of September. From Ted Butlers imported stock as seen in the U.F.A. Farm & Ranch Magazine only a few left - $395.00. Ted, Calgary, 286-4321 (9)

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2 BORDER Collie pups. 4 months old. 1 German Shepherd. 2 yrs old. Joan, Vermilion, 853-2444 (9)

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GREAT PYREENES/Border Collie pups. Father is excellent working sheep guard dog. $50 each. Ready Sept. 1st. Edward, Pincher Creek, 628-2235 (9)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

1 USED sheep scale. In very good condition. Used very little. Asking $375.00. Louie, Buck Lake, 388-3911 (8)

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AIR POWERED hoof shears used one year on small flock - $350. Also used sheep squeeze - $250. Brian, Hardisty, 888-2411 (8)

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RIDE AROUND lawn mover will sell for $500 or trade for 10 ewes. Ralph, Mirror, 788-2291 (9)

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OUTAOUAIS ARCOTT rams. Prefer purebred. Have purebred rams to trade or will buy for cash. Rick, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 306-773-7995 (9)

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HAMPSHIRE OR Suffolk ram. Must be good quality. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (8)

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I WILL put ewes open or bred or with rams out on a lamb share basis for the 93-94 season. You look after them for the lambing season and we will care for them for the winter. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

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WANTED - DOGS

MALE PYREENES. From working stock. Lease or ownership. Marilyn, Carstairs, 337-3956 (8)

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WHITE BORDER collie pup, male, 2-4 months old. Ed, Cherhill, 785-2740 (9)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

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OLD NEWSPAPERS & magazines. pre-1960 only. Sheep related if possible. Will take large quantities. Garry, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (8)

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Last year, you may recall, the Commission published the first edition of a magazine-style annual report titled *Alberta Sheep*, and distributed copies to all sheep producers on the Commission's mailing list. Judging by the many compliments we received on its professional layout, production quality, and information content, the magazine was well-received by Alberta's Sheep Industry.

The magazine, which is produced for us by Naylor Communications of Winnipeg, is published at no cost to the Commission, as it's financed through advertising space sold by the printers.

In 1993, we'll be publishing the second issue of *Alberta Sheep*, and plan to mail it to sheep producers "hot off the press" before the annual Zone meetings in November. If you didn't receive last year's edition, please contact the Commission office (295-1988) to have your name added to our mailing list.

LET'S GET TOGETHER

November is Annual Zone Meeting month, and it's closer than you'd think--this year, all the meetings will be held earlier than the Alberta Sheep Symposium.

As in the past, some of the meetings will be held in conjunction with other industry events and local organization meetings. The exact times and places will be announced in next month's *News 'n Views*.

So you can start planning now, here's a tentative list of our 1993 meeting locations:

Zone 1	Claresholm
Zone 2	Lethbridge
Zone 3	Strathmore
Zone 4	Lacombe
Zone 5	Lloydminster
Zone 6	Stony Plain
Zone 7	Rycroft

November, remember. Hope to see you all then.

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SHEEP GO TO SCHOOL

The Commission's new display booth (just wait till you see it!) made its first public appearance at the Old's College mini-expo for Alberta school teachers. The booth was busy all day distributing literature, answering questions, and being thanked for the lamb dinner we'd sponsored for the group the evening before.

The 30 teachers (registered in the scholarship course "Agriculture in the Classroom") were particularly interested in the Commission's by-product handout *"When is a Sheep Not a Sheep?"*, the coloured map showing Alberta's sheep breeds, nutritional information on lamb, and most of all, wool.

Many of the elementary teachers would like to introduce small wool projects into the classroom--crafts like felting, natural dyeing, drop-spindle spinning, and weaving. With a view to creating a booklet of simple projects suited to classroom use, the Commission is starting a collection of instruction sheets. If you have, or know anyone who has, instructions for suitable projects, we would appreciate receiving a copy.

The highschool teachers were impressed by the amount of information on wool in the Woolmark's folder *All You Ever Wanted to Know About Wool*, and many of them have asked us to order a copy for their classrooms.

The teachers attending the course were very keen, and there's little doubt a lot of them will be contacting the Commission for more information on Alberta's sheep industry.

GROWERS TO CLOSE

Canadian Co-operative Woolgrowers has announced that, as of August 30th of this year, its Stony Plain Branch will be permanently closed and the facility sold. In its place, a local agent has been established to collect wool on a year-round basis.

The company has cited changing economic conditions as the reason for the closure. The CCWG is also closing its Lennoxville, Quebec branch, and is being forced to relocate its Toronto branch because of the closure of the Ontario Public Stockyards.

This will be the first time in approximately 50 years that a full-time wool collection and supply outlet has not been in operation serving Central and Northern Alberta sheep producers. In the late '40s, the original wool depot was located near to-day's downtown area of Edmonton, and operated by the present Alberta Sheep Breeders Association. That organization, which later became a co-op, acted as an agent for the CCWG. This relationship was similar to the one between the CCWG and the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders' Limited in Lethbridge.

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GROWERS (cont.)

The Alberta Co-op was later taken over by the CCWG, as was the Lethbridge operation. Ironically, the original Edmonton building was sold in the early 70s to help alleviate CCWG financial difficulty at that time. It was then relocated to the Edmonton Public Stockyards, and subsequently to Stony Plain. It was then again moved from downtown Stony Plain to the town's outskirts.

Wool volumes at the Stony Plain branch both fluctuated and declined over time, being as high as 500,000 pounds in the 50s to as low as 110,000 in the early 80s. The branch diversified into other areas--notably a wool shop--but with steadily increasing overheads, static retail sales, and relentless competition, the branch was no longer economic.

WOOL IN THE WOODS

This summer, 27,000 Alberta sheep headed for BC to indulge in a little forestry grazing. They didn't double in numbers as they had in 1992, but they did show an increase of 19,000 head. Most of the Alberta sheep are concentrated in the Prince George Forest Region, though some are in the West Kootenay and North Okanagan areas.

Alberta Agriculture reports that the certification process went well, considering the short time frame available. The entire operation continues to be fine-tuned with experience. As numbers continue to increase and available sheep technician time is reduced, further changes are expected.

This year, for the first time, significant numbers of Saskatchewan sheep were contracted for BC. It would indicate that Alberta may have reached the limit of sheep available for BC grazing projects. A possible sheep shortage in the future could curtail the expansion momentum established over the past three years.

The potential demand for sheep has not gone unnoticed by our neighbours (or should that be *neighbors*?) to the south, who have considerable numbers of sheep that could be made available. A recent tour of BC projects by representatives of the American Sheep Industry Association and the US Forest Service was made to investigate that possibility. Both groups were also hoping to establish similar forestry grazing projects in the USA, using the BC experience as an example.

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For the benefit of newcomers to the industry and those who have lost their director's phone number.

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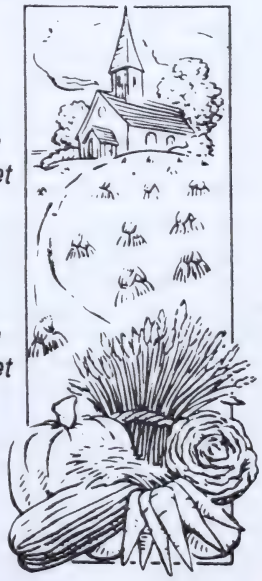

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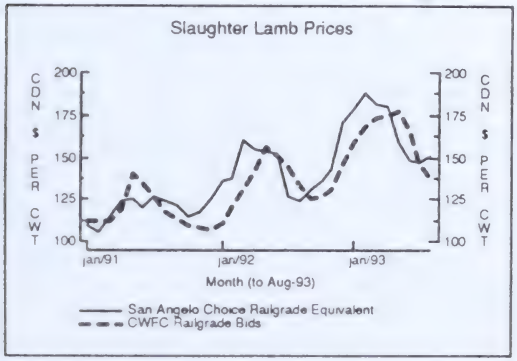
Lambs

Commentary

Lamb markets in the U.S. are bucking normal seasonal trends with prices rising steadily at all levels over the month of August. Packers are currently reported to be having difficulty sourcing enough slaughter lambs to fill orders on strengthening consumer demand. U.S. East Coast wholesale prices for all weights of lamb carcasses moved up to over US$140 per cwt or about $183 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars by the third week of August with further gains expected. Slaughter lamb prices rose almost US$10 per cwt in August with San Angelo slaughter lambs averaging US$63 or $82 per cwt in equivalent Canadian dollars late in August. Feeder markets are also responding with prices rising about US$5 or CDN $6.50 per cwt over July prices in most U.S. markets.



Note: Aug 93 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

In Alberta, railgrade bids for lamb carcasses at C.W.F.C. in Innisfail, moved from $137 per cwt in early August to $140 per cwt towards the end of the month. At the Edmonton Stockyards on August 18th, slaughter lambs weighing from 95 to 109 pounds brought form $60 to $67 per cwt with those weighing over 110 pounds averaging $58 per cwt. There was also good demand for the good to excellent feeder lambs on offer with prices ranging form $69 to $85.50 per cwt. At Fort Macleod, strong buyer demand has pushed prices for fed and feeder lambs up to $75 per cwt.

Outlook

Tighter supplies of slaughter lambs this fall in the United States will likely result in unseasonable increases in prices since packers may have to continue to scramble to obtain supplies of fed lambs to fill orders. U.S. feedlots are likely going to respond to increased packer demand by attempting to fill their lots which would result in feeder lamb prices being bid up. If the Canadian dollar's value remains at about 76.5 cents, then any price rise in the U.S. should result in a 30 per cent larger increase in Canadian markets.

Assuming no change in exchange rates from current levels, Alberta slaughter lamb prices are projected as follows:

	Projected Alberta Prices ($/cwt)	
1993	Sep	$80-$84
	Oct	$82-$86
	Nov	$82-$86
	Dec	$89-$93
1994	Jan	$94-$99
	Feb	$94-$99

Market Strategies

Producers should continue to follow a strategy of delaying marketings as long as possible into the fall months. This does not however mean over finishing lambs such that they will be discounted. The above price projections may well be on the conservative side, but an increase in the value of the Canadian dollar may trim back prices. There will likely be strong demand from U.S. buyers for both feeder and slaughter lambs in Alberta this fall and lamb producers should shop around to get the best price for their lambs.

Producers should remember that lamb markets are highly cyclical and should not squander good marketing opportunities when they occur. Prices can be expected to generally increase over the next two years which will inevitably lead to increased lamb production accompanied by price declines. For those producers who wish to stay in the lamb industry over the long haul, costs must be controlled in the good times in order to survive the bad times.

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August 27, 1993
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WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET AND DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET

W/E 08/20/93		FOB OMAHA BASIS	CAF NORTHEAST	CAF SO. CALIF.
CARCASSES YG 1-4**				
	55/DN	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	
	55/DN YG 1-3			(CARLOT)
	60/DN YG 1-3			$1.43
	55-65	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	
	60-65 YG 1-3			$1.40-1.42
	65-75	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	$1.38-1.40
	75/UP	$1.27	$1.32-1.405	
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2				
	55/DN			$1.40(carlot)
	60/DN			$1.46-1.50
	55-65		$1.55	
	60-65			$1.42-1.48
	65-75			$1.41-1.45

		BOXED LAMB CUTS: YG 1-4** W/E 08/13/93		DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE W/E 08/20/93	
		VOLUME*	PRICE RANGE	N.E. COAST	SO. CALIF.
3 Way	55/DN	1000	$1.40-1.47		
	**YG 1-3	775	$1.40-1.65		
	**CERT.	300	$1.45		
	55-65	100	$1.45		
	**YG 1-3	325	$1.40-1.65		
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN	800	$2.50-2.75	$2.90-3.20	
	7/UP	2700	M$2.80-3.20	$3.00-3.30	
	YG 1-3 7/UP				**$3.20-3.30
Shoulder, cross cut		2700	M$0.95-1.00		
Chuck, sq cut, split		2700	$0.85-1.40	$0.90-1.05	**$1.15-1.25
Loin, 4 inch trim		2575	M$3.30-3.40	$3.25-3.50	**$3.35-3.45
Legs, dbl trtr on		1850	M$1.30	$1.35-1.40	**$1.55-1.65
Legs, sngl trtr off		2600	M$1.30-1.35		**$1.95-2.05
Legs, sngl bnls		1075	M$2.00-2.15		
Breast, sq cut		3100	$0.26-0.30	$0.25-0.35	
Foreshanks		1250	M$1.15-1.25	$1.10-1.20	**$1.45-1.55
Ribs, Denver style		150	$1.25-1.50		
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2					
Rack, 8 rib	7/DN	FEW	$2.85		
	7/UP	145	$2.80-3.10		$3.45
Chuck, sq cut, splt		955	$1.03-1.42		$1.25
Loins, 4 inch trim		295	$3.10-3.60		$3.45
Legs, dbl trtr on					$1.65
Legs, sngl trtr off		180	$1.40-1.55		$2.05
Legs, sngl bnls		155	$2.15-2.39		
Breasts, sq cut		230	$0.60-0.70		
Foreshanks		75	$1.05-1.45		$1.55

*BOX COUNT, BASIS **YG 3 OR BETTER WHERE NOTED,
M = MOSTLY (not full price range)

COMMENTS

WHOLESALE CARCASS TRADE: On a quickly settled market, CAF East Coast and FOB Omaha carcass lambs traded $5.00 higher on 75 lb. and down and $7.00-$10.00 higher on 75 lb. and up carcasses. CAF California prices were $5.00-$8.00 higher than last week. Yield grade 3 or better carcasses weighing less than 65 lbs. traded $5.00 higher at $150.00, FOB Omaha basis. Movement was moderate to active on mostly light to moderate offerings and a good demand.

Carcasses *Certified* by USDA Week Ending 08/13/93: 16,142, 17.9 percent of estimated slaughter.

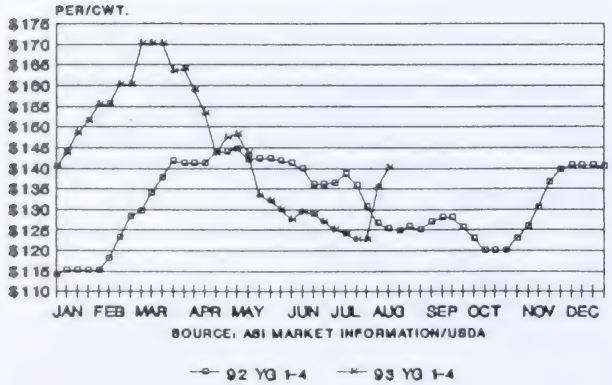
USDA CUTOUT VALUE, W/E 08/20/93: NORTHEAST TRADE, BASED ON INDUSTRY YIELDS. This week's cutout for 65/down carcasses was valued at $148.70, up $7.40. The 65/up carcasses were valued at $148.98, up $7.70. Note: no adjustments were made for processing or distributing costs.

NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUT TRADE: Compared to last week, boxed lamb cuts traded mostly steady to firm with resistance to the higher price levels being offered. Shoulders, legs and loins were mostly higher while breasts and foreshanks were steady to weak. Movement was mostly slow to moderate on light to moderate offerings and demand. Cut prices are trending higher in response to the light number of lambs being slaughtered.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE: In the Northeast distributive trade, 55/down carcasses traded $7.00 higher than last week with prices ranging from $145.00-$152.00. Lamb cuts traded firm to mostly higher on mostly light to moderate offerings. Demand was mixed with some buyers showing resistance to the higher prices while others were buying before the price levels go higher. A firm to higher undertone prevailed on the carlot carcass lamb market which is forcing cut prices higher.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE YG 1-4 W/O KPH
PRIOR TO 7/18/92 ALL WEIGHTS W/KPH



FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 08/07/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
SHEEP	92,000	+2.2	-6.4	94,533	3,299,000	-4.5
CATTLE	666,000	-2.9	+2.8	672,029	20,860,000	+1.0
CALF	18,000	0.0	-31.9	21,313	728,000	-15.0
HOGS	1,744,000	+3.2	-2.0	1,679,137	56,809,000	-1.6

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 07/31/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
LAMB	6.0	+2.1	0.0	6.0	209.4	-1.7
BEEF	462.7	-2.7	-0.2	462.5	14,204.3	-0.3
VEAL	4.2	-0.3	-26.3	5.2	164.6	-13.3
PORK	321.5	+3.3	+0.4	299.1	10,155.1	-1.8
TOTAL	794.4	-0.3	-0.1	772.8	24,733.4	-1.0

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	65	08/07/93	94.2
07/31/93 (ACT.)	64	08/01/92	93.7

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
WA./OR/ID	Mixed	Direct	22,500	95-110	Choice & fancy (15% slaughter), Aug-Oct delivery	65.00-67.50
MOUNTAIN						
Idaho	Sl. Lambs	Direct	16,000	100-115	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, delivered	70.00
Idaho	Sl. Lambs	Direct	5,100	130-135	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, FOB, overnight stand	67.00-67.50
Colorado	Sl. Lambs	Auction	201	108-155	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn	61.00-67.00
Colorado	Feeders	Direct	4,000	100	Choice & fancy, delivered	65.00
Montana	Feeders	Direct	22,500	75-85	Choice and fancy, for Fall delivery	70.00
Nevada	Feeders	Direct	4,500	85-100	Choice & fancy, overnight stand	65.00-66.00
New Mexico	Feeders	Direct	15,000	75-90	Choice & fancy, October delivery	65.00-67.00
Wyoming	Feeders	Direct	35,800	75-95	Choice & fancy, October delivery	65.00-70.00
Wyoming	Feeders	Auction	6,864	77-85	Choice & fancy, October delivery	69.00-71.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	940	59-110	Choice & fancy, spring	62.50-70.00
Montana	Feeders	Auction	3,040	50-130	Choice & fancy, spring	65.00-68.50
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	202		Utility & good	27.00-33.50
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	513		Utility & good, Billings	25.00-30.00
Montana	St. Ewes	Auction	125		Running ages, Billings (per head)	46.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Feedlot	8,500	110-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, yield basis	62.00-64.00
Kansas	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	901	100-135	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wool/shorn, Dodge City/Colby	61-68.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auction	177	100-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn, San Angelo	57.00-62.50
Texas	Feeders	Direct	8,000	65-85	Choice & fancy, spring, overnight stand	60.00-64.00
Kansas	Feeders	Auctions	314	40-100	Choice & fancy, spring, Dodge City/Colby	55.00-61.50
Oklahoma	Feeders	Auctions	230	50-90	Good & choice, spring	52.00-58.50
Texas	Feeders	Auctions	600	50-90	Choice & fancy, spring, Goldthwaite/Junction	54.00-62.50
Texas	Feeders	Auction	5,766	40-90	Choice & fancy, spring, San Angelo	60.00-68.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	3,105	40-90	Good & choice, spring, San Angelo	52.00-62.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Direct	1,000		Utility & good	30.00-35.00
Kansas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	190		Utility & good, Colby	34.00-37.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	1,969		Utility & good, Goldthwaite/Junction	23.00-36.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	6,386		Utility & good, San Angelo	30.00-39.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	710		Cull, San Angelo	22.00-33.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Computer	359	121	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, spring lambs, wooled	64.25
Wisconsin	Sl. Lambs	Computer	808	114-120	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4	63.00-63.25
Illinois	Sl. Lambs	Direct	252	100-145	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring	55.00-60.00
Midwest	Sl. Lambs	Feedlot	5,725	106-142	Ch., few pr., YG 2-3, spring, 4% shrink	58.00-64.00
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Auction	876	100-182	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool, Kalona/Sioux City	58-66.35
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1,020	100-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring, wool/shorn	59.00-65.00
Missouri	Sl. Lambs	Auction	161	95-135	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring, Mexico	59.00-66.00
Nebraska	Sl. Lambs	Auction	266	90-135	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wooled, Omaha	60.00-62.00
Nebraska	Sl. Lambs	Auction	1000	105-145	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool, Palmyra	58.00-64.75
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	2,097	97-121	Choice, few prime	64.25-68.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	2,214	103-141	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled/shorn, Sioux Falls	60.50-67.25
S. Dakota	Feeders	Direct	15,000	75-80	Choice & fancy, spring, October delivery	65.00-70.00
Iowa	Feeders	Auction	171	70-110	Choice & fancy, spring, Kalona	52.00-66.00
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	745	60-90	Choice & fancy, S. St. Paul	58.00-68.00
Missouri	Feeders	Auction	129	50-100	Choice & fancy, spring, Mexico	55.50-67.50
Nebraska	Feeders	Auction	300	50-105	Choice & fancy, spring, Palmyra	60.00-65.00
N. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	396	41-110	Choice & fancy, spring, W. Fargo	58.00-68.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auctions	3,495	60-99	Choice & fancy, spring	67.50-73.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	193	82-114	Choice & fancy, spring, Sioux Falls	58.00-65.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	127	48-75	Choice & fancy, spring, Sioux Falls	65.75-77.50
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auction	219		Utility to choice, Kalona	26.00-36.50
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	229		Utility & good, S. St. Paul	25.00-30.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	520		Utility & good, Belle Fouche/Faith	25.50-33.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	551		Utility & good, shorn, Newell	26.00-38.75
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	234		Utility & good, Sioux Falls	30.00-33.25
EASTERN						
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Pool	150	115	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool	61.00
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Pool	400	112	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool	59.50-61.50
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Teleauction	700	120	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled, 4% shrink	62.00
New York	Sl. Lambs	Pool	152	70-114	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4	52.00-64.00
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Auction	650	100-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool	60.00-69.50
Penn.	Sl. Lambs	Auction	341	60-110	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3	58.00-73.00
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	362	81-130	Choice, few prime, YG 1-3, new crop	45.50-55.75
New York	Feeders	Pool	154	41-85	Choice & fancy, spring	54.00-64.00
Virginia	Feeders	Auction	205	50-85	Choice & fancy, spring	50.00-67.75
Penn	Sl. Ewes	Auction	126		Utility & good	28.00-40.00

Source: ASI Market Information/USDA

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September 16

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September 18

ANNUAL SHEEP SALE. *Williams Lake Livestock Yards. Hosted by Cariboo Sheep Breeders in conjunction with the B.C. Livestock Association. For more information contact Cariboo Sheep Breeders' Association, Box 70, 150 Mile House, B.C. V0K 2G0.*

September 18

ANGORA GOAT HERD DISPERSALS (FOR 2 FARMS). *1:00 P.M. at Moore's Auctioneering on Highway 13, 1 mile east of Alder Flats, Alberta. Selling 45 mature does, 3 mature bucks & the top 30 of the 1993 kids. For details call owners Keast Papineau at 682-2147, Kristine Smith at 843-3774 or Moore's Auctioneering at 388-3759.*

September 18-19

LAMBS IN LACOMBE. *"Renaissance Theme" - The complete sheep fair. Lots of fun for the whole family - Lean Lamb Field Day, Fashion Show, Fleece Competition, Jr. Sheep Show, Trade Show, Childrens Barn, Dog Trials and Sheep Production Display. Watch for the various contests. For more information contact Edith Williams at 403-784-3511.*

September 20	***SHEEP & GOAT SALE.*** *Market and feeder lambs, culls and goats at 1:00 PM at the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool Yards, Lloydminster. Contact Brent or Russ at 306-825-8831. Breeding stock - purebred and commercial replacement ewes and rams sell at 7:00 PM. Alberta Building - Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds. Pre-entries close September 13th. Contact Val at 306-825-5571 for entry forms and more information.*
September 23	***LAMB DAYS '93.*** *Canada West invites producers to Lamb Days '93. Canada West Foods Corp., Innisfail, Alberta. Demonstration of new classification system. On-hand live grading of lambs. Discussion on railgrade vs liveweight. An inside look at the working of the plant. Video - 'Lamb to Carcass'. For more information, contact either of the following at 227-3386: Andrew Tye or Ray Fielding. To arrange proper facilities, we need to book your attendance.*
September 25	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
September 30	***NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Special Goat Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
October 4	***MOUNTAIN VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS.*** *First meeting of new season. 7:30 P.M. Olds College Arena Classroom. Speaker Andrew Tye, Canada West Foods. All members & new producers invited to attend. For more information call Mike at 224-3743 or Joanne at 224-3026.*
October 6	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*

October 8-10	***STOCK DOG TRAINING CLINIC.*** *Instructor - Ron Gale. At Harvey Giese's arena, south of Stony Plain. For more information call Harvey at 963-6585.*
October 13 & 15	***45TH ANNUAL LAMB & SHEEP SALE.*** *Tompkins, Saskatchewan. Lamb Sale - October 13 - 1:30 P.M. Ewe Sale - October 15 - 1:30 P.M., Rams & Goats - 7:00 P.M. Assorted Sale. Animals must be in yard day before sale. Call Russ Simpson, 306-622-4502 or Clem Brown, 306-582-6200.*
October 14	***NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
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November 5-14

EDMONTON NORTHLANDS WOOL COMPETITION. *Entries close September 24, 1993. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class. There will be five classes including a coloured class. Fleeces to be received at Edmonton Northlands, November 4, 1993. For further information contact - Doug Laurie, Box 13, Site 10, R R #4, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-6711 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G 0E3, 436-5992.*

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November 25-27

1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM. *Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta. Look for all the details in this issue.*

November 27

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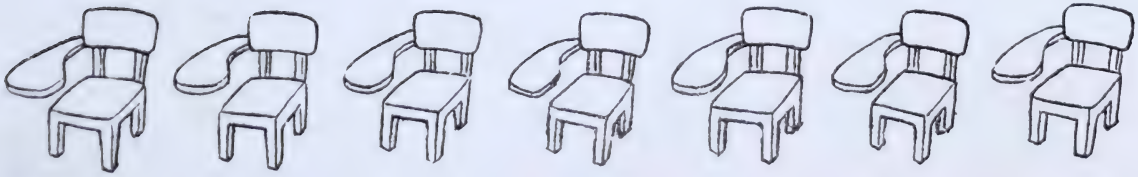

CANADA WEST

Invites Producers To:

THE LAST LAMB DAYS '93

September 23, 1993
Canada West Foods Corp.
Innisfail, Alberta

- Demonstration of new classification system
- On-hand live grading of lambs
- Discussion on railgrade vs liveweight
- An inside look at the working of the plant
- Video - "Lamb to Carcass"

For more information, contact either of the following at (403)227-3386:

- ***Andrew Tye,*** *Head Buyer*
- ***Ray Fielding***

To arrange proper facilities, we need to book your attendance. When these dates fill up, Canada West will add other dates later in the year.

1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM

This year's Symposium will be held at the Chateau Lake Louise from November 25 to 27. The room and meal rates have gone up a bit compared to 1991, but what hasn't? The rates, are $95.00 a day per person based on double occupancy or $133.00 a day based on single occupancy plus 5% Alberta Hotel Room Tax and the dreaded 7% GST.

In order to guarantee these rates, **reservations have to be received by the Chateau by October 25th.** Fill out the enclosed reservation cards without delay! After October 25, reservations will be accepted on an availability basis only.

Government funding for the Symposium is rapidly evaporating. Many thanks to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and the Alberta Sheep Breeder's Association as well as the numerous other corporate sponsors who stepped in to help fill the breach.

We tried to include a little something for everyone in this year's Symposium. Topics such as grazing alfalfa, sheep dairying, niche marketing of lamb and wool, forestry grazing/browsing have been included. A detailed list of the agenda for the 1993 Symposium can be found on the next few pages.

If the enclosed Symposium details are not detailed enough for you, please give me a call at 381-5150.

See you at the Chateau

Kim Stanford

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Chairman 1993
Alberta Sheep Symposium

1993 Alberta Sheep Symposium

Chateau Lake Louise November 25-27

Sponsors: Alberta Sheep Breeder's Association
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Alberta Agriculture

PROGRAM

Thursday November 25th

7:30 - 9:30 P.M. Registration - Larch Lounge
Reception (cheese and vegetable trays, coffee, juice)

Friday November 26th

9:00 A.M. **Welcome and opening remarks** - Tom Wilson Room
Kim Stanford, Chairman 1993
Alberta Sheep Symposium

9:15 - 10:15 A.M. **Sheep and Silviculture**
Dr. Henry Lange, B.C Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food, Abbotsford, B.C.

Future potential of forestry grazing/browsing, overview of 1993 season. How to choose a Forestry Contractor.

10:15-10:35 A.M. **Break** - Coffee, tea, juice

10:35-11:35 A.M. **How To Get More Milk From Your Ewes**

Olivia Mills, British Dairy Sheep Association,
Wield Wood, Hampshire, U.K.

Nutrition, genetics and management involved in reducing your need for milk replacer.

11:35 - 1:00 P.M. **Lunch** - Victoria Dining Room

1:00 - 2:00 P.M. **Building the Better Lamb Chop**

Kim Stanford, Sheep Specialist,
Alberta Agriculture, Lethbridge

How to select for improved carcass quality, results of 1993 Blue Tag program.

2:00-3:00 P.M. **Sheep Simulation Model**

Dr. Anne McClelland, Sheep Scientist,
Agriculture Canada, Lethbridge

Cost of production analysis. Ewe maintenance costs vs productivity, ration alternatives.

3:00-3:20 P.M. **Break** - coffee, tea, juice

3:20-4:30 P.M. **Niche Marketing** (3 sessions concurrently)

1) Niche Marketing Lamb - Tom Wilson Room
Moderator: Wray Whitmore, Sheep
Specialist, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton

Brian Murray, Chinook Lamb
Lethbridge, Alberta

Jim & Joanne Pearson, Spruce Lookout Farm,
Bowden, Alberta

Doug & Pat Olchowy, Sand Hills Suffolks,
Thorhild, Alberta

2) Sheep Dairying - Room 330

Olivia Mills, British Dairy Sheep Association, Wield Wood,
Hampshire, U.K.

3) Maximizing Wool Income - Room 430

Dana Milton, Roundup Wools,
Roundup, Montana

4:30 - 6:30 P.M. **Free time** - skate, swim, collapse in your room

6:30 - 7:30 P.M. **Attitude Adjustment Hour**
No Host Bar - Victoria Dining Room

7:30 - 8:30 P.M. **Lamb Banquet** - Victoria Dining Room

Speaker - John Knapp, Regional Director,
Alberta Agriculture, Barrhead
and Ex-Sheep Specialist

Saturday November 27th

9:00 - 10:30 A.M. **Mainstream Lamb Marketing Panel**

Moderator: Kim Stanford, Alberta Agriculture, Lethbridge

Floyd Williams - Lamb Feeders of Canada Arrowwood, Alberta + out-of-province marketing

Ray Fielding & Andrew Tye, Canada West Foods Corp., Innisfail, Alberta

10:30-10:50 A.M. **Break** - Coffee, tea juice

10:50-11:50 A.M. **Grazing Alfalfa**

Dr. Verl Thomas, Professor, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

Influence of grazing management on productivity of ewes grazing a non-irrigated alfalfa pasture

11:50 A.M.-1:15 P.M. **Lunch** - Victoria Dining Room

1:15-2:15 P.M. **Resource Management for Sheep**

Bill Milton, Roundup, Montana

Holistic resource management from a sheep slant.

2:15-2:40 P.M. **Break** - Coffee, tea & juice

2:40-4:00 P.M. **Towards a Year-Round Lamb Supply - Panel**

Moderator - Wray Whitmore, Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton

Kathy Playdon - Brightbank Finnsheep, Stony Plain, Alberta - Artificial Aids

Peter McCart, Windhover Farm, Spruce View, Alberta - Intensive Lambing

Sten Lundberg - Porcupine Hills Lamb, Nanton, Alberta - Extensive Lambing

John Bolay, Elim Lamb Feeders, Westlock, Alberta - Supply Management

IMPORTANT SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

1) You will be on your own for supper on Thursday and on Saturday. Those who wish to dine at the Chateau on Thursday or Saturday may simply have the cost of the meal added to their bill.

2) For those who wish an extended stay at the Chateau Lake Louise, we have arranged a special group rate for the three days prior to the Symposium (November 22-24) and the three days after the Symposium (November 28-30). Rooms will be a flat $80.00 based on single or double occupancy plus 5% AHRT and 7% GST with meals on a pay as you go basis. If you wish to take advantage of this group rate, you must indicate this when you pre-register for the Symposium.

3) Payment to the Chateau can be made by any major credit card or cash. The hotel will not deal in personalized cheques. The only personalized cheque they are accepting is your initial first night's deposit.

4) The Chateau has a new covered parkade brimming with plug ins. Parking is free for everyone attending the Sheep Symposium.

5) Breakfast and lunch will be in the Victoria Dining Room

6) Your $95.00 per day rate completely exempts you from paying tips to dining room personnel, chambermaids and other staff. The only possible tipping would be to baggage handlers.

7) When you arrive, please check in with the hotel and receive your room key. Next proceed to the Symposium registration desk (hotel staff will direct you) and register for the symposium. Here in exchange for your $25.00 registration fee (we take cheques) we will give you your Symposium registration kit which includes a copy of the Proceedings, your meal card and parking pass.

8) After registering, please join us in the Larch Lounge for our welcoming reception (cheese, veggies, coffee and soft drinks).

9) If the 200 spaces we have reserved are all gone by the time you pre-register, we will telephone suggesting alternate accommodations in Lake Louise Village. For people staying elsewhere, the charge for dining at the Chateau Lake Louise will be $57.00 per day, children under 13 are $33.00 per day. This charge includes all three meals.

10) Children are welcome! Children under 18 stay for free in their parent's rooms. Babysitting can be arranged with 2 weeks notice for a charge of $ 6.00 per hour. For children 2 years and over a complimentary child's play room supervised by the hotel is available on Friday between 3:00 and 10:00 pm and Saturday between 7:30 am and 10:00 pm. For older children, the Chateau does have a video arcade as well as ice skating and a swimming pool (no lifeguard, under 14 not admitted without an adult).

August 23, 1993

Breeding Season Approaches

People who want to winter lamb will be breeding their ewes soon. A few points to consider before breeding are:

1) Check the body condition score of the ewes before breeding. If the ewes are thin they will require extra feed. Flushing thin ewes will result in more lambs. If you have questions about condition scoring, talk to your sheep technician or specialist.

2) Now may be a good time to deworm your ewes and your rams. There are several good dewormers available on the market. If you're not sure whether your sheep need deworming, talk to your vet about submitting a fecal sample to test for worm infestation.

3) Make sure the rams are ready for the breeding season. It's easy to put the rams off in some pen or pasture and forget all about them. A breeding season can be lost if the rams are not ready. Check the body condition score of the rams and adjust as necessary. Make sure the rams feet are trimmed and he is sound on all four feet. A BSE (breeding soundness exam) conducted by your vet is an option if you have concerns about your ram. Finally a mature ram can breed up to 40-50 ewes, while a ram lamb should not be expected to breed more than 10-20.

4) If you have had problems with abortions in the past, you may want to start a vaccination program. The abortion vaccines should be given before breeding. Ewe lambs are the most vulnerable, as they do not have any resistance to the organisms that cause the abortions. Talk to your vet about the costs and benefits of a vaccination program.

Once breeding has started it is important to remember a few details. Always record when the ram went in with the ewes. You think you will remember, but you won't. When you record the date, you won't get any nasty surprises in December or January. Put on a harness or else paint the ram so you can see him mark the ewes as they are bred. Use a light paint or breeding harness color for the first 17 days the ram is used. Change the harness color or the paint color to a darker color on day 18. This will allow you to see if the ram is rebreeding any of the bred ewes. One or two remarked is ok, any more than that can indicate a problem in ram fertility and you have to do something about it.

If you want to reduce the time spent lambing, you can consider sponging the ewes. When the ewes are already cycling, you only need to use a sponge. The PMSG injection is not needed. The cost of sponging varies between $3.50- $5.00. Shop around when buying sponges, prices vary. Sponging allows a shepherd to manage the flock intensively. When sponging ewes it is important that enough ram power is available. A mature ram can be used to breed 10 ewes. Sponging is not a good idea when using a ram lamb.

Another option for tightening up a lambing, is the use of teaser rams. These rams have undergone a vasectomy and therefore they cannot get ewes pregnant. When using teaser rams, the teaser is introduced to the ewes for 16 days, and he is then replaced by a fertile ram. Make sure that your teaser ram is sterile! A vet check may be necessary to confirm the sterility.

Next month will deal with nutrition.

Wray Whitmore

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Vetrepharm Inc. has brought in a limited quantity of Ovine Vib-Shield Ce from Grand Laboratories. A vaccine for vibrio and enzootic abortions. It is available through veterinarians in the province. Contact your local veterinarian; Grant Lucas, Vetrepharm at 498-0878; Dr. Ray Fenton at 422-4844; Wray Whitmore at 427-5083 or Kim Stanford at 381-5150.

NORTHLANDS FARMFAIR '93

Celebrating 20 Years

November 6 - 14, 1993

Canada's Premier

Livestock Show

Show & Sale

SHEEP

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 4

Noon — Arrival of Market Lambs Hall B, Northlands AgriCom, followed by live evaluation by exhibitors.

Friday, November 5

Noon — Fleeces for Fleece Wool Competition must be delivered to Northlands Sportex

6 p.m. — Arrival Junior Sheep, Hall B, Northlands AgriCom.

7 p.m. — Official Opening Ceremonies Hall D Show Ring

Saturday, November 6

10 a.m. — Lamb Trimming Competition followed by Lamb Judging Competition

1 p.m. — Ewe Lamb Futurity, Showmanship, Futurity Yearling Ewe, Open Shearling Ewe, Fashion Lead and Novelty Lead Classes, Hall B

1 p.m. — Carcass Lamb Display and Seminar Northlands Sportex

6 p.m. — All Junior Sheep Exhibitors will be released

Sunday, November 7

2 p.m. — Professional Sheep Shearing Competition.

CLASS 1

MARKET LAMB COMPETITION

GENERAL RULES

1. Lambs must arrive prior to noon, Thursday, November 4, 1993 at Hall B, Northlands AgriCom after which they will be weighed and receive an identification ear tag.

2. Animal weight must be between 95 and 115 lbs. Animals will be weighed on Edmonton Northlands scales. Lambs failing to meet weight requirements will not be accepted for competition and disqualified.

3. Open to ewes and wethers (no ram lambs) either pure or crossbred. All animals must be "slick" shorn.

4. Sex, age and breed (breeding of sire and dam if crossbred) must be listed on the entry form. This is for informational purposes only and will benefit interested producers in evaluating their own breeding programs.

5. All lambs will receive a live evaluation by exhibitors (consensus judging) in a judging competition at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 4, before being sent for slaughter.

6. All lambs will be slaughtered at a licensed abattoir providing carcass inspection. They will be returned to a temperature controlled display cooler in Northlands Sportex where they will be Government graded by a qualified officer of Agriculture Canada. Placings will be determined and prizes will be awarded based on these placings. All carcasses must grade Canada A (or equivalent) to qualify for competition.

7. Entry fee $10 per animal to be paid by entry closing time.

8. The top 10 to 12 animals will remain on display as part of the lamb promotion feature in Northlands Sportex. Attempts will be made to sell these to consumers at a pre-determined price. Lambs not sold and those not selected for display will be returned to the contributor for resale or personal use. Contributors will be responsible for slaughter charges. Lambs from the display will be released at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 7. Others will be released immediately following the judging.

9. There is no limit to the number of entries from a contributor at this time. However, the committee has the right to reduce the number of entries per contributor once it is known how many lambs, have been entered and/or how many lambs can be accommodated in the judging process

CARCASS CLASS JUDGING CRITERIA

NEW GRADING STANDARDS OR:

Overall Ribeye Area	15 points
Carcass Quality	15 points
GR Measurement	15 points
Carcass Lean Content	55 points
TOTAL	100 POINTS

PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

Edmonton Northlands will provide Banners for the Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb Carcasses.

Prize money for the competition will consist of the $10 entry fee paid by the contributors plus a matched amount paid by the North-Central Sheep Breeders Association. The prize money will be paid out in the following manner: 1st - 25%, 2nd - 20 %; 3rd- 15% 4th - 10% ; 5th to 10th place - 5%.

OFFICIALS IN CHARGE

Junior Sheep Show	Nelson Modin	922-2461
Sheep Shearing Competition	Gred Garvin	922-4999
Market Lamb Competition	Doug Laurie	963-6711
Fleece Wool Competition	Jack Francis	436-5992

FLEECE WOOL COMPETITION & DISPLAY

Judge: Sheila Sharko, Calmar, Alberta

FLEECE WOOL COMPETITION & DISPLAY SPONSOR:

McAndrews Travel Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta has donated $300 towards this competition

SPECIAL RULES

1. All general rules that are applicable will apply to this division.

2. A fee of $1 for each entry is charged and must accompany the entry form. Entry forms must be sent to the Agriculture Department, Edmonton Northlands by Friday, September 24, 1993. Exhibits must be brought to Northlands Sportex by noon, Friday, November 5, 1993.

3. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class.

4. Each fleece entered in competition must have been grown on a sheep owned by the exhibitor and shorn during 1993.

5. Any fleece entered in competition will be disqualified if:
   a) tied with other than paper fleece twine
   b) or more than 12 months growth
   c) branded with any other than a recognized scourable branding fluid
   d) showing excessive stain
   e) showing black or other coloured fibres
   f) showing a weak staplet or break
   g) showing excessive tags or dung locks
   h) discoloured by excessive moisture
   i) cotted

6. It is not necessary for an exhibitor to designate the class they wish to enter. All fleeces will be classified by the judge and entered into their proper classes by the director in charge.

The following score card shall be used in judging wool:

Colour	15%	Staple	30%
Character	15%	Weight	20%
Condition	10%	Preparation of Fleeces	10%

WOOL CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZE MONEY

Prize Money Offered - $300

CLASSES:

CLASS 2 FINE BLOOD STAPLE: Wools with a fibre of over 2 1/2 inches long. Merino. Rambouillet and Targhee chiefly typical of this grade.

CLASS 3 1/2 BLOOD STAPLE: Fine medium staple wools with a fibre of over 2 1/2 inches long. Rambouillet, Corriedale, Columbia, Southdown and Finnsheep chiefly typical of this grade.

CLASS 4 3/8 BLOOD STAPLE: Medium staple wools with a fibre of at least 2 1/2 inches long. Cheviot, Dorset, Hampshire and Suffolk chiefly typical of this grade.

CLASS 5 1/4 BLOOD STAPLE: Low medium staple, a longer fibre than in medium staple. Romney, Leicester and Lincoln chiefly typical of this grade.

CLASS 6 COLOURED FLEECE: All grades

CLASS 7 GRAND AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION FLEECE. 1st and 2nd prize winners in above classes compete. Ribbons only. **The Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Ltd. provide an award for the Champion Fleece.**

CLASS 8 **SUPER FLEECE AWARD.**
The North - Central Sheep Breeders Association, Edmonton Northlands and 1993 Lambs in Lacombe Committee have agreed to create an Alberta Super-Fleece Award at Northlands Farmfair '93. The Grand Champion Fleece from the Lambs in Lacombe Fleece competitions and the Grand Champion Fleece from the Farmfair Wool Competition will go head-to-head in the judging, with the winner to be recognized as the Alberta Super Fleece and to receive an appropriate award.

Please remember this great show would not be possible without many hours of hard work and dedication by a lot of good people — staff, volunteers and exhibitors. Regardless of the section you fit into, your continued support of the show is very much appreciated.

To send entries and/or further information contact:
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
EDMONTON NORTHLANDS
P.O. Box 1480, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N5
Telephone: 471-7260

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Edmonton Northlands

NORTHLANDS FARMFAIR INTERNATIONAL
PROFESSIONAL SHEEP SHEARING COMPETITION

2 p.m., Sunday, November 7, 1993
Northlands AgriCom, Edmonton, Alberta
TEAM MEMBER IN CHARGE: Greg Garvin 922-4999
FARM CREDIT CORPORATION HAS DONATED $1,000 IN PRIZE MONEY TOWARDS THIS COMPETITION

FCC SCA

Farm Credit Corporation Canada — Société du crédit agricole Canada

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This competition is open to any person who has shearing experience. Competition classes will be offered for Intermediate and Open Shearers.
2. Each contestant will be required to shear a minimum of two sheep in succession. There is no restriction on equipment used. Shearers may use their own equipment. Motors and shafts only will be supplied for the shearers.
3. The Edmonton Northlands Sheep Team reserve the right to make any changes to ensure the success of the competition.
4. Contestants must report to the sheep show ring in Northlands AgriCom, one hour before the competition to draw lots for sheep and for order of shearing.
5. Points will be awarded according to International Rules. A copy of the International Rules will be mailed upon receipt of entry into the competition.
6. Entries close September 10, 1993.
7. Entry fee $35. NOTE: Late entries will be accepted until October 15, 1993 at double the entry fee ($70). Entries will not be accepted after October 15, 1993.
8. Shearers will each be given four sheep (one sheep for "warmup" and three to be used in competition)
9. Prize Money: CLASS 9 - Intermediate
   1st - $400 2nd - $300 3rd - $200 4th - $100 5th - $100
   CLASS 10 - Open Shearers
   1st - $1,000 2nd - $500 3rd - $250 4th - $150 5th - $100

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JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW

ALL JUNIOR SHEEP MUST BE IN HALL B, NORTHLANDS AGRICOM BY 5 p.m. FRIDAY , NOVEMBER 5, 1993.

SHOW ORDER

Saturday, November 6, 1993

10 a.m. Lamb Trimming followed by Lamb Judging

1 p.m. Ewe Lamb Futurity, Showmanship Futurity Yearling Ewe Class, Open Yearling Ewe Class, Fashion Lead Class, Novelty Lead Class

NOTE: CLASSES WILL BE SPLIT AFTER REGISTRATIONS CLOSE.

All Junior Ewe Lambs who are not already tattooed will be identified by a special Edmonton Northlands tattoo prior to the Junior Show. Entries may be purebred or crossbred and must be trained to lead if the Junior exhibitor plans to use them in the lead classes.

PRIZE MONEY

Edmonton Northlands will donate prize money at the rate of $60 per animal shown in the Yearling Ewe and Ewe Lamb classes. The prize money will be divided among the following classes. The amount for each placing will be decided upon after the show, when it is determined how many animals participated.

Junior Sheep exhibitors need to use the Junior Sheep summary card only - not the entry form when entering the show. Check the classes you wish to enter on the summary card. Exhibitors are asked to make sure they put their date of birth and 4-H Club, if a member, on the summary card. Junior Sheep exhibitors are expected to prepare their own animals for the show.

All Junior exhibitors will receive a meal ticket for lunch on Saturday, November 6.

No entry fees required. Competition is open to boys and girls age 8 to 18 years as of the day of the show. Only one entry per exhibitor in each class.

CLASSES

CLASS 11 LAMB TRIMMING COMPETITION - Time not to exceed 45 minutes.

CLASS 12 JUDGING OF MARKET LAMBS - 50% for placing and 50% for reasons

CLASS 13 EWE LAMB FUTURITY COMPETITION
Lambs must have "Full Mouth Milk Teeth". Only one entry per contributor. Lambs must be trimmed and trained to lead. Lambs may be purebred or crossbred ewes. If purebred and registered, the entry must be registered in the name of the contributor or farm where they reside. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring them back to Farmfair '94. In 1994 they will be entered in the Futurity Yearling Ewe Class. Information on all lambs must be recorded on the entry card, including breed, name and number and breed of sire and dam, if known. Edmonton Northlands will also tattoo all untattooed lambs at the show and this identification will be used by the exhibitor when making entry in the 1994 show.

CLASS 14 FUTURITY YEARLING EWE COMPETITION
Must be a ewe shown in Class 3 in the previous year. May not be shown in Class 15.

CLASS 15 OPEN YEARLING EWE COMPETITION
Open to any yearling ewe, other than a Futurity Yearling Ewe. Cannot be entered in Class 14.

CLASS 16 SHOWMANSHIP
Will be judged separately from the confirmation classes. The exhibitor must use their ewe lamb in this class (from Class 13). Exhibitors must show an animal in Class 13 to be eligible for this class.

CLASS 17 FASHION LEAD CLASS
Contestants may be of any age. Lambs must lead well. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for sheep in this class. Contestants must wear wool clothing.

CLASS 18 NOVELTY LEAD CLASS
Same rules as above except that contestant need not wear wool.

SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS

R.W. Shopland Memorial Trophy & Miniature
For the top Junior Exhibitor in Lamb Trimming and Junior Competition. To be awarded on a combination of points obtained in these two sections. A Junior Exhibitor is eligible for this award one time only.

Olds College Trophy & Miniature - Best Futurity Yearling Ewe

T.M. Reed Memorial Trophy & Miniature - Best Futurity Ewe Lamb

North-Central Sheep Sales will donate $300 in prize money to the Junior Sheep Show

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

2 RAMS - 1 Dorset, 5 yrs - $75. 150 Hampshire registered, 4 yrs - $50. R.B. Miller, James River Bridge, 638-4297 (9)

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2 REGISTERED Romney rams. 1 - 2 yr old 1 - 1 yr old. Susan, Beaverlodge, 354-2047 (9)

FLOCK DISPERSAL. 75 purebred registered Suffolk ewes, 25 purebred registered North Country Cheviot ewes. Lambed in January. Contact Alan, 967-5171 (After 10 PM) (9)

BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has for sale quality Texel/ Dorset/Finn, Finn/Dorset and purebred Finn ewes & rams from multiple births. Flock is on ROP. Visitors are welcome. Call Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (9)

FLOCK REDUCTION. Purebred Rambouillet ewes. Different group sizes to suit buyer. 2 Rambouillet yearling rams. Amy-Rob Rambouillets, Didsbury, 335-4348 (9)

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60 COMMERCIAL ewes, 3 rams. Commercial flock. $70 each. Grant, Breton, 696-2013 (9)

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75 COMMERCIAL ewes. Disease-free. Paul or Sherry, Sundre, 638-2619 (9)

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19 CANADIAN Arcott ewes & 1 ram. Also 32 female & male lambs already weaned. Will sell in small lots. Alma, St. Paul, 724-2058 (9)

REGISTERED DORSET ewe lambs. Born December. Also black rams. Gordon, Bowden, 224-3753 (9)

AFTER 23 years in North Country Cheviots the remainder of the flock will be sold this year. 23 registered mature ewes and 5 rams & ram lambs. Lyle & Doreen Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (9)

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2 PUREBRED registered Suffolk rams. April born. Ann, Legal, 961-2370 (9)

RAMS: WILLIAMS Dorset, twin, 1989, $125.00. Lenoxville Romanov, quint, 1988, $125.00. Also Dorset cross ewes. Clean healthy flock. Open. $50.00. Frank, Millet, 387-5029 (9)

KATAHDIN BREEDING stock. Registered, commercial & crossbreds. Fred, Barrhead, 674-5775 (9)

WE'VE GONE to the goats! Must sell purebred Country Cheviots. The old goat says there is no room for us. 11 mature ewes, 1 ram, 5 yearling ewes. Willing to split flock. Kris or Jim, Rimbey, 843-3774 (9)

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5 PUREBRED Suffolk ram lambs, $125.00 each. 1 purebred Cheviot ram, 1 yr old, $150.00. 1 purebred Cheviot ram lamb, $125.00. 6 purebred Suffolk ewe lambs, $115.00 each. Glen, Didsbury, 335-4983 (9)

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300 EWES, Corriedale, 2 1/2 yrs old. 5 rams, Corriedale/Targhee, 2 1/2 yrs old. 1 ram Rambouillet cross. 200 yearling lambs. Kent, Creston, B.C., 604-428-7888 (Business & Fax) or 604-428-7652 or 604-428-5056 (9)

REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE ram lamb (Feb '93). Linda, Olds, 556-6687 (evenings or weekends) (9)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK rams - lambs & yearlings, very growthy rams of Waco & Jordan bloodlines. Most twins or triplets. Priced from $150 to $200. Howard, Tofield, 662-4983 (9)

JANUARY BORN Suffolk ram lambs - $150.00 each. 12 good commercial ewes - $75.00 each. Kathy, Tofield, 662-2748 (9)

YEARLING RAMBOUILLET rams. Featuring U.S. bloodlines. Fine wool & good carcasses. Gerald, 306-662-3190 or Delbert, 306-662-3885, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan (9)

SUFFOLK RAMS & ewe lambs. Circle S Suffolk, Beaumont, 929-9300 (9)

LOST MY shepherd. Must sell 200 good working ewes. Can be bred either Romanov or Texel for fall delivery. Also a couple of good Romanov rams. Tom, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2280 (9)

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2 TWIN-born purebred, could be registered Suffolk ram lambs. Born on April 12/93. The ewe index is 132, pasture raised. The 100-day weights on them are 100 lbs & 104 lbs. Also 16 Suffolk/Romanov/ Rambouillet cross ewe lambs. My ewe flock round out at 244% and the ewe lambs at 180%. Also 1 - 3 yr old purebred Suffolk ram. Mattias, Valleyview, 524-2465 (9)

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3 POLYPAY rams, 2 yrs old. 2 Finn rams, 2 yrs old. Reasonably priced. Gwen, Red Deer, 347-0668 or Dave, Alix, 747-2293 (evenings) (9)

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6 YEARLING Romanov rams. Purebred, no papers. $175 each. Nancy, Dawson Creek, B.C., 604-789-3135 (9)

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2 REGISTERED Rambouillet rams, $250 each. Born April '92. Ewe lambs for $125.00 each, can be registered. Excellent flock, 200% lamb crop this year. Liz, Merritt, B.C., 604-378-6064 (9)

SUFFOLK/ROMANOV ewe lambs. Born in Mar-Apr. Ready for breeding this fall. Approx. 50 head. $125 per head. Glen or Kathy, Three Hills, 443-7440 (9)

PUREBRED COLUMBIA ram lambs & ewe lambs. $150.00. Also 3 yr old Columbia ram. $150.00. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 (9)

KATAHDIN SHEEP. Low maintenance. No shearing required. Low cholesterol. Lean meat. Young ewes from $150.00 Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

ROMANOV - 9 - 2 yr old ewes & 2 ewe lambs. Also 6 Katahdin cross ram lambs. Harvey, Fairview, 494-2400 (10)

TARGHEE RAMS. Sten, Nanton, 646-5465 (10)

FLOCK DISPERSAL of good commercial ewes. Price to vary with quantity purchased. Barry, Carstairs, 337-2800 or evenings 337-2978 (10)

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1 REGISTERED Romney, 1 Romney cross. Proven rams. Larry & Therese, High River, 652-4201 (10)

FLOCK DISPERSAL. 44 young ewes. Excellent producers. Some bred for fall. Suffolk/Romanov cross. 1 Rambouillet ram. 14 ewe lambs born January. Marg Eden, Stettler, 742-0986 (10)

EWES, EWE lambs & ram lambs. Purebred Suffolks. Barb, Edson, 723-2671 (10)

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1 ROMANOV/Suffolk cross ram. $125.00. Peggy, Ardrossan, 922-6950 (10)

SMALL FLOCK of North Country Cheviots. Also donkeys for predator control or pets. Boyd or Pauline, Rimbey, 843-6670 (10)

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150 SUFFOLK/Rambouillet/Dorset cross ewe lambs. $85.00 each. Klaus, Bowden, 556-8095 (10)

300+ EWES. 5 rams - 2 Suffolk (available now), 2 Polypay and 1 Dorset. Joe & Mary, Hines Creek, 494-2459 (10)

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1 REGISTERED Romanov ram - $200.00. 1 Columbia ram, 1 Polypay cross ram, 1 purebred Suffolk ram - $100.00 each. Also 50 mature ewes - $50.00 each. Reason for selling - decreasing the flock. Karen, Elnora, 773-3104 (10)

ROMNEY CROSS Cheviot ewe lambs born March '93. Adrian, New Sarepta, 941-2116 (10)

POLYPAY LAMBS. Also 2 - 1 1/2 yr old rams - purebred Polypay. Good breeding stock - $150.00. Lorna Javed, Ardrossan, 922-4523 (10)

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3 YEARLINGS, 5 - 2 yr old black sheep & 1 ram. $100.00 each. Harold King, Balzac, 226-0013 (10)

PUREBRED CORRIEDALE rams. Great dual purpose shape with excellent spinning wool. Lachland Mackintosh, Okotoks, 938-3369 (10)

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8 TEXEL cross ewe lambs. 2 Texel cross ram lambs. All spring of 93 born. Very reasonably priced. L. George, Marwayne, 847-2371 (10)

ROP TESTED. Suffolk rams & ewe lambs. Clean flock. Bonnie, Spruce View, 728-3787 (10)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK rams & ewe lambs. 25 years on ROP testing. Brian, Spruce View, 728-3744 (10)

TWO BLACK rams - both twins - both May born.1 is a Dorset/Suffolk/Rambouillet & the otheris a Dorset/Suffolk. Joyce or Bob, Olds, 556-3677 (10)

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50 GOOD crossbred ewes. Bill, Newbrook, 689-2408 (10)

PUREBRED ROMANOV ewe lambs, ram lambs & yearling rams. Can be registered. Cliff or Sheri, Condor, 729-2650 (10)

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2 RAM lambs, born Jan '93. From registered Hampshire ewe by unregistered ram. Would be excellent young rams for small hobby flock. Will sell for $100 each. Must sell - attempting to breed my ewes. Anne, Wabamun, 892-2049 (pls leave message) (10)

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1 PUREBRED Romney ram lamb, 1 purebred Romney ewe lamb & 2 purebred mature Romney ewes. Teresa, Lacombe, 782-2780 (10)

FOR SALE - GOATS

2 PUREBRED Alpine bucks, Edelweiss/Windmill breeding. All very fancy from top milking stock. Joan, Tomahawk, 339-2118 (9)

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4 HEALTHY young Saanen does, kidded in July, nice for winter milking, tatooed & papered. Erika, Carstairs, 337-2496 or Olds, 556-2299 (9)

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1 PUREBRED Alpine buck, 2 yr old, $125.00. 1 purebred Alpine buck, 1 yr old, $125.00. 1 purebred Alpine buck, 7 months old, $80.00. 10 Alpine & Alpine cross doe kids, born in January, $80.00. Glen, Didsbury, 335-4983 (9)

PYGMY GOAT, billy, Anne, Legal, 961-2370 (9)

ANGORA GOATS. 1 buck, 3 does, registered stock. Angela, Sundre, 638-3116 (9)

COMPLETE DISPERSAL of Blue Star registered herd for health reasons. Top quality healthy heavy shearing stock. 68 breeding bucks, 44 breeding does, 15 kids left. All priced to sell. Blue Star Ranch, Princeton, B.C., 604-295-7143 (9)

NON-REGISTERED white Nubian buck. Born April 20/93. Also meat kids 50 lbs and up. Laurie, Blue Ridge, 648-2244 (evenings) (9)

SUMMER SALE of enjoyable, exotic Tennessee fainting goats. Unrelated pairs. Variety of ages. Quality of stock. Reasonable prices. Cindy, Legal, 961-2245 (9)

SAANEN PUREBRED buck 1 yr old. From high producing excellent uddered dam. Edelweiss Farms, Edmonton, 472-9094 (9)

50 DOES & doe kids. Saanen/Alpine cross. 1 Alpine buck (18 months). Bought from Art Tilma last year. 1 Alpine/Nubian buck kid (6 months). No culls. Mary, Hines Creek, 494-2459 (10)

ANGORA GOATS. Good breeding stock. Healthy herd. Judy or Ernie, Didsbury, 335-8480 (After 8 PM or weekends) (10)

SPANISH MEAT goats. Herd currently being ROP tested & doing well. Does from $100.00. Cashmere goats from $200.00. Jim, Onoway, 967-4453 (10)

FOR SALE - DOGS

4 GREAT Pyreenes puppies & mother who has had 2 litters. Pups $200 each - offers on Mom. Alma, St. Paul, 724-2058 (9)

PUREBRED REGISTERED Border Collies; Meg (imported from Wales) x Gus (top Alberta cattle dog); born June 28/93; 3 males, 5 females. Also Kate x Mirk; born May 18/93; 3 males still available. Sandra, Calgary/Cochrane, 286-1993 / 932-2386 (9)

2 BORDER Collie pups. 4 months old. 1 German Shepherd. 2 yrs old. Joan, Vermilion, 853-2444 (9)

MAREMMA GUARDIAN puppies ready at the end of September. From Ted Butlers imported stock as seen in the U.F.A. Farm & Ranch Magazine only a few left - $395.00. Ted, Calgary, 286-4321 (9)

GREAT PYREENES/Border Collie pups. Father is excellent working sheep guard dog. $50 each. Ready Sept. 1st. Edward, Pincher Creek, 628-2235 (9)

BORDER COLLIE pups. Purebred Wiston Cap breeding. Born July 25. $300.00. High River, 652-2852 (10)

REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppies. From working parents. Lueann, Rimbey, 843-6360 (10)

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

MOHAIR - CARDED or raw. Ready for spinning, blended 80% mohair, 20% wool. Angela, Sundre, 638-3116 (9)

STEWART SHEARMASTER sheep shearing head (Model EN 310C) with 2 Angora combs (P7112). Excellent condition. Also powdered zinc sulphate mono hydrate (foot-root treatment) 1 bag. Edelweiss Farms, Edmonton, 472-9094 (9)

SHEEP EQUIPMENT - sheep scale, small loading shute on wheels, hoof trimmers & burdizzo (small pair). Marg Eden, Stettler, 742-0986 (10)

12 ROLLS of new 39" page wire. 100 metres each. $85.00 per roll (was $115.00) or $1000.00 for entire lot. Uli, Rocky Mtn House, 729-2234 (10)

FOR SALE OR TRADE

3 HEALTHY Saanen bucks, proven breeders, 15 months old, tatooed and papered, will sell them or trade for good lumber or white metal slider windows. Erika, Carstairs, 337-2496 or Olds, 556-2299 (9)

RIDE AROUND lawn mover will sell for $500 or trade for 10 ewes. Ralph, Mirror, 788-2291 (9)

OUTAOUAIS ARCOTT rams. Prefer purebred. Have purebred rams to trade or will buy for cash. Rick, Swift Current, Saskatchewan, 306-773-7995 (9)

5 RAM lambs, 10 ewe lambs. April born. Mainly Suffolk. Best offer or exchange for feed. John Nolan, Leduc, 986-8166 (10)

SHEARER AVAILABLE

SHEARER AVAILABLE. Edmonton area. Philip Spence, 437-5889 (10)

WANTED - SHEEP

I WILL put ewes open or bred or with rams out on a lamb share basis for the 93-94 season. You look after them for the lambing season and we will care for them for the winter. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (9)

TO BUY a mature Barbadoes black belly ram. Mary, Hines Creek, 494-2459 (9)

RAMBOUILLET/SUFFOLK cross ram. Adrian or Rita, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-7358 (9)

FEEDER LAMBS, cull ewes & breeding ewes. John, Westlock, 349-5203 (No Sunday calls please) (10)

FEEDER LAMBS, starting September 1. West Alta Feeders, Rocky Mtn House, 729-3827 (10)

WANTED - GOATS

GOATS, FEEDER, slaughter, cull does etc. You deliver. Gary, Nanton, 395-2123 (leave message) (9)

WANTED - DOGS

WHITE BORDER collie pup, male, 2-4 months old. Ed, Cherhill, 785-2740 (9)

WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

1 REASONABLY priced sheep scale. Teresa, Lacombe, 782-2780 (10)

SERVICES AVAILABLE

CUSTOM WOOLEN MILLS - Processing into batts, comforters, mattress pads, sleeping bags, blankets, a variety of yarns & craft wools. Full details - Custom Woolen Mills, R R #1, Carstairs, TOM ONO, telephone - fax - (403) 337-2221 (9)

MOUNTAINVIEW OVINE Enterprises Inc. is now in the business of supplying sheep & dog supplies. National Dog Food, Browns Milk Replacer, Shepherds Whistle, both wholesale & retail. Dog collars, leases, chains, very kennels, etc. Ron or Olwyn, Mountainview Ovine Enterprises Inc., Box 948, Sundre, T0M 1X0 phone 638-2836 (9)

STOCKDOGS - Custom training, sales, assessments, lessons, clinics, advice, Stuart, Westerose, 586-2747 (10)

LAZY 'S' Sheep Supplies. Display & sales at Camrose Auctions monthly sheep sale. Phone orders accepted. Gwen Stuckey, Bawlf, 373-2616 (10)

WOOL MARKETING. Sheep & goat supplies. Free catalogue. We offer prompt service & very competitive prices. Quantity discounts available. Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, 918 - 1st Avenue South, Lethbridge, T1J 0A9, phone 327-3760 or fax 380-6982. Order desk 1-800-567-3693. Same day shipment by mail, bus or courier. Contact us for the wool depot in your area. "Serving Canada's Sheep Producers - Our Business is Wool" (10)

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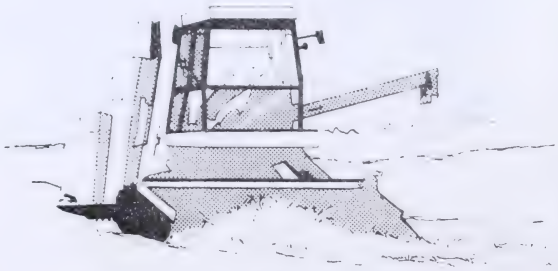
HELP - WANTED

GALAWATER KENNELS will supply a fully modern utility free 2 bedroom home complete with a wood burning fireplace and private yard fenced with 6' dog proof wire to someone in return for help with kennel chores at a boarding kennel. Excellent facilities exist for applicant to custom train hunting retrievers or stock dogs. A grooming area exists to promote your own groominng business. Applicant must have considerable experience with some form of dog training. We are not offering any wage. No small children. Interested person apply in writing to Galawater Holiday Kennels, R R #1, Battleford, Saskatchewan, S0M 0E0. State references. (10)



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The deadline for Classified Ads and Coming Events is the 24th day of the month prior to the month of publication.

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The Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission

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HI, DOUG!

The Commission Lamb Merchandiser Program is back in operation. On August 1st, Doug Marbach took on the position formerly held by Kerry Garchinski, who is now employed full time as foodservice sales manager at Canada West Foods.

As Lamb Merchandiser, Doug's main responsibility will be to provide Canadian Fresh Lamb promotional and merchandising services directly to meat buyers and retailers. His background as a meat specialist with a large food wholesaler should serve him well in his new capacity.

The Commission Lamb Merchandiser Program is also available to producer groups and commercial organizations involved in lamb processing and/or marketing. Doug is ready not only to help, but to listen to your concerns and ideas about lamb marketing. So, if you need a hand in your present activities or wish to start a new project (especially lamb taste test demos), give the Commission a call (295-1988).

PROMO PROJECTS '93

Lois George, Chairman of the Commission Promotion Committee, has announced that grants have been approved for a number of promotion projects carried out in 1993. These grants are the result of applications submitted to the Commission Zone Lamb and Wool Promotion Program. This program, which has an annual deadline of July 15th, supports promotion projects in each zone. Applications can be made by individual producers, producer groups, associations, or companies. This year, the successful applicants were:

- Alberta Sheep Breeders $1300
  Lambs in Lacombe Sheep Fair
- Lindsay Ruecker $ 250
  Klondike Days Wool Booth
- Ovine Enviro Systems $1000
  Wool Sample Product Development
- FarmFair Sheep Committee $ 500
  Farmfair Wool Show
- NorthWest Sheep Producers $ 700
  Lamb Taste Test Demos

If you or your group would like a 1994 grant application form, just call the Commission office (295-1988). Your zone director can give you a hand with your application on request.

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HOT LINE!

Our 24-hour hotline is updated weekly to give you current information on lamb and wool prices in both Alberta and the USA. Keep track of the markets that affect you. Just call...

1-295-3122

LAMB PRICE JUMPING

It's rather unseasonal for lamb prices to rise at this time of the year (in fact, they usually fall into a bottomless pit), yet at the time of writing, lamb prices have jumped $15 to $20 on the wholesale market. Live lamb prices responded accordingly in both the USA and Canada. During the second half of August, the Canada West price jumped from $1.37/lb to $1.58/lb (rail grade A1 and A2 lambs weighing 95 to 110 pounds) over a period of less than two weeks.

Underfinished lambs are being penalized, however, with B lambs bringing $1.18/lb and C lambs $.49/lb rail grade. Producers are cautioned to check their lambs' readiness for market carefully, as this year's pasture conditions are resulting in lambs that are slower to finish than usual. As you can see, the penalties for underfinished lambs, particularly those grading C, are severe. One option for producers anxious to move their lambs is to sell them to a feedlot for finishing, rather than trying to market them directly.

Is the market jump just a flash in the pan, or are we looking at the start of a trend? Optimists predicted that the market would jump over a month ago, but a glut of heavy market lambs, hot weather on the American east coast, and floods in the midwest have all conspired to not only delay recovery, but also drive lamb prices further down.

It appears, however, that the reality of one of the smallest American lamb crops in many years is finally having an impact. Packing plants and feedlots in the US are beginning to tie up large number of lambs in the $.80 to $.90 range for fall delivery. This indicates an even stronger market in the late fall and early winter (but I have been wrong before.) Rising markets bode well for sheep producers, but feedlot operators may need generous bankers.

PREDATORS ON THE TABLE

The Commission recently sponsored a meeting to discuss issues and concerns surrounding predator control in Alberta. The meeting was held August 19th in Brooks, and included producers, ag fieldmen, predator control officers, Commission Directors, Alberta Agriculture officials, and other interested parties. Topics included the fate of the indemnity program, government intentions, and the status of control services, measures, and programs available to producers.

Considerable discussion surrounded the impact of government cutbacks and the alternatives available to producers. The consensus of the meeting was that alternatives and streamlining actions be further investigated. It was noted that with new changes in gun control legislations, producers should be aware of the legal implications of the new rules and regulations. Information on the present use of firearms in defence of livestock is to be distributed to the industry.

Alberta Agriculture participants felt that a dialogue had begun between all parties, and indicated that they were prepared to attend similar meetings in other parts of the province. Producers (or their organizations) who believe a predator control discussion meeting would be valuable in their areas should contact their zone director or the Commission office.

COMMUNICATIONS 800

It's not unique to the sheep industry, but there are times when fiction is more interesting than fact. Over the years, and with changes at the Canada West lamb plant, confusion and suspicion have arisen over pricing, delivery, merchandising, and sundry other matters.

In the hope of helping to resolve some of this conflict, the Commission acted as facilitator in organizing an information meeting between lamb producers and officials of the Canada West plant. The meeting took place July 13th in Lethbridge with Ray Fielding, Operations Manager, and Andrew Tye, Head Lamb Buyer, on hand to answer producers' questions and to address some of their concerns. Approximately 35 producers were in attendance; the meeting was chaired by Pat Barrott, Zone 3 Director. The consensus of the meeting was that issues were addressed, and that fact had been separated from fiction.

In order to open new lines of communication between Canada West and lamb producers, the plant has established an 800 number that can be used free of charge by producers in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. When producers have questions or concerns that involve the plant, they are encouraged to talk directly to Canada West. The number is 1-800-363-6602.

MINT CHUTNEY

An Old English Recipe
from Anne Lowther

Ingredients (Recipe can be doubled)
2 cups Vinegar
2 cups Sugar
2 tsps Dry Mustard
2 tsps Salt

1/2 lb Ripe Tomatoes
1 1/2 cups Raisins
1 lb Tart Apples (*eg.* Granny Smiths)
2 cups Mint Leaves (well packed)
6 Onions (small)

4 Sterile Pint Jars

Directions
Boil together first four ingredients, and allow to cool, while you

Chop the second five ingredients. You can use a food chopper or processor for this job.

Combine all the ingredients and bring them to a boil. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Pour into sterile jars.

Great with lamb!

This recipe was sent in to the Commission by Laureen Hollihan, one of the teachers attending the Olds College "Agriculture in the Classroom" course reported in the last issue of News 'n Views. Thanks, Laureen, for your interest in Alberta's sheep industry.

ALBERTA SHEEP & WOOL COMMISSION
1993 ANNUAL ZONE MEETINGS

Final Dates, Times, and Locations for the zone meetings arranged in order of meeting date

Zone 6 Edmonton, Drayton Valley, Whitecourt, Athabasca — **Director: Kathy Playdon 963-0416**

Date: Tuesday, November 2, 1993
Time: 7:00 pm (evening meeting)
Location: Provincial Building, **Stony Plain**
Note: A Director election is scheduled for this zone

Zone 7 Peace River, Valleyview — **Director: Morag Othen 864-2466**

Date: Saturday, November 6, 1993
Time: 10:00 am (morning meeting)
Location: Courtesy Corner Restaurant, **Rycroft**

Zone 3 Brooks, High River, Olds, Hanna — **Director: Pat Barrott 599-2141**

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 1993
Time: 7:00 pm (evening meeting)
Location: Wheatland County Inn, **Strathmore**

Zone 4 Camrose, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Coronation — **Director: Joyce McCart 728-3035**

Date: Friday, November 12, 1993
Time: 7:00 pm (evening meeting)
Location: Hail & Crop Insurance Building, **Lacombe**
(formerly Alberta Agriculture Regional Centre)
Note: A Director election is scheduled for this zone.

Zone 5 Lloydminster, St. Paul, Elk Island, Wainwright — **Director: Lois George 847-2371**

Date: Saturday, November 13, 1993
Time: 1:00 pm (afternoon meeting)
Location: Brunswick Motor Inn, **Vermilion**

Zone 1 Nanton, Cardston, Fort MacLeod — **Director: Sten Lundberg 646-5465**

Date: Friday, November 19, 1993
Time: 7:00 pm (evening meeting)
Location: Provincial Building, **Claresholm**

Zone 2 Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Milk River — **Director: George Chronik 732-4831**

Date: Saturday, November 20, 1993
Time: 1:00 pm (afternoon meeting)
Location: El Rancho Hotel, **Lethbridge**
Note: This meeting is being held in conjunction with the annual meeting and banquet of the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association.

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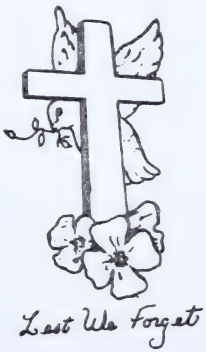

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AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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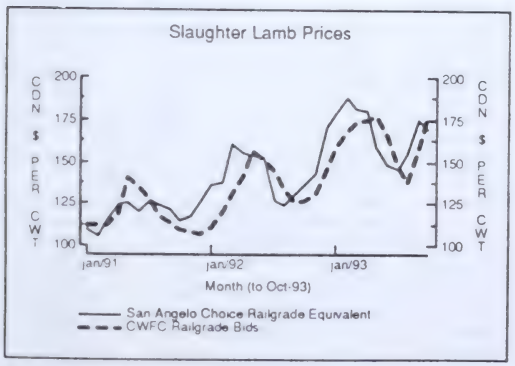
Lambs

Commentary

Tight supplies of lamb in the U.S. market have helped prevent any seasonal weakness in slaughter lamb prices. As of late October, U.S. sheep slaughter volumes were running about 12 per cent below 1992 volumes. U.S. wholesale lamb and slaughter lamb prices have held in a narrow range since September, with indications of higher prices by late October.

The most recent update of sheep politics in the U.S. suggests a gradual phase out of the Wool Act by 1996, rather than an immediate end to funding. Under a recently passed Senate bill, 1993 funding would remain in place; 1994 funding would be reduced by 25 per cent and 1995 funding by 50 per cent, with no funding in the 1996 marketing year. According to the American Sheep Industry Association, Wool Act funding accounts for an average of 20 per cent of sheep-related income in the U.S.

The **gradual** phase-out of the Wool Act is positive for Alberta lamb producers, because it reduces the chances of a massive exit of U.S. producers resulting in sharply increased marketings in 1994. The most likely outcome could be a continuation of the current downtrend in U.S. ewe flock inventories into 1994 and 1995.Higher revenues from meat will offset the lower revenues from wool for U.S. producers, possibly resulting in a reduced rate of herd contraction.



Note: Oct-93 prices are estimated
*CWFC is Canada West Food Corporation

Outlook

After several weeks of trading at steady levels, Alberta slaughter lamb prices increased in late October, with the Canada West Foods railgrade price reaching $1.80 per kg. Based on a seasonal trend to higher lamb prices in North America, Alberta prices are expected to trend higher over the next several months. As with the other livestock, the value of the Canadian dollar will have an important influence on prices. The following are forecasts for **average** Alberta slaughter lamb prices in the coming months:

Projected Alberta Prices
(Dollars Per Hundred Weight)

1993	Nov.	87
	Dec.	90
1994	Jan.	90
	Feb.	95
	Mar.	95
	Apr.	100

Market Strategies

Plan to maximize your marketings during the coming period of strong prices. Since high prices are likely to carry through into the second half of 1994, extra effort to increase lambing rates is likely to pay off.

Ron Gietz
October 26, 1993
(403) 427-5376

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
MOUNTAIN						
Wyoming	Sl. Lambs	Direct	1,932	131	Choice, few prime, double-dressed weight	64.92
Wyoming	Feeders	Direct	4,000	80-100	Choice & fancy, FOB	61.00-70.00
Colorado	Feeders	Auction	1,564	60-116	Choice & fancy	60.00-71.00
Montana	Feeders	Auction	2,090	50-120	Choice & fancy	60.00-71.75
Colorado	Sl. Ewes	Auction	293		Utility to choice	13.00-26.50
Montana	Sl. Ewes	Auction	2,120		Cull to good	19.00-27.00
Wyoming	Ewe Lambs	Direct	1,800	75-84	Choice & fancy, FOB	69.00-74.00
Colorado	St. Ewes	Direct	1,685		Yearling, whiteface, (per head)	88.00-95.00
Montana	St. Ewes	Auction	1,060		Mixed ages	40.00-64.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Feedlot	9,600	110-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, mostly shorn, yield basis	62.00-64.00
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Feedlot	2,400	120-125	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, mostly shorn, 4% shrink	68.00
Kansas	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	293	100-152	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, wooled/shorn	57.00-64.75
Texas	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	720	90-130	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn, few wooled	60.00-69.50
Texas	Feeders	Direct	9,000	65-85	Choice & fancy, overnight stand	67.00-70.00
Kansas	Feeders	Auctions	238	43-100	Choice & fancy	57.50-72.00
Oklahoma	Feeders	Auction	132	50-100	Choice & fancy	55.00-65.00
Texas	Feeders	Auctions	732	60-90	Choice & fancy, Goldthwaite/Junction	63.00-72.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	3,487	50-100	Choice & fancy, San Angelo	65.00-73.00
Texas	Feeders	Auction	1,878	50-100	Good & choice, San Angelo	55.00-65.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Direct	1,000		Utility	27.00-30.00
Kansas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	120		Utilty & good, Dodge City/Colby	20.00-23.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	660		Good, Goldthwaite/Junction	28.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	893		Utility, Goldthwaite/Junction	21.00-30.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	5,585		Utility to choice, San Angelo	25.00-37.00
Texas	Sl. Ewes	Auction	621		Cull, San Angelo	18.00-25.00
Kansas	St. Ewes	Auctions	164		Mixed age	20.00-29.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auctions	1,204		Baby-tooth to solid-mouth	39.00-47.50
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	412		Mixed age, Goldthwiate	25.00-30.00
Texas	St. Ewes	Auction	162		Mixed age, San Angelo (per head)	50.00-51.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa/Ill.	Sl. Lambs	Computer	1,594	117-126	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wool/shorn	65.25-69.50
Minn./N.D.	Sl. Lambs	Computer	752	124-133	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wool/shorn	63.75-65.00
Wisconsin	Sl. Lambs	Computer	413	117	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wool/shorn	66.50-68.50
Illinois	Sl. Lambs	Direct	540	90-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	55.00-64.00
Midwest	Sl. Lambs	Feedlot	4,675	109-139	Ch., few pr., YG 2-3, 4% shrink, wool/shorn	63.00-69.50
Illinois	Sl. Lambs	Auction	249	100-135	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	58.50-68.50
Iowa	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	672	108-148	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	60.00-68.75
Minnesota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	975	100-140	Choice, few prime, YG 2-3, spring, wool/shorn	60.00-66.00
Nebraska	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	663	100-145	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, shorn/wool	60.00-67.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Lambs	Auction	2,135	101-144	Choice, few prime, YG 2-4, wooled/shorn, Sioux Falls	63.25-71.50
Iowa	Feeders	Auctions	144	90-117	Choice & fancy, Kalona/Sioux City	61.00-66.50
Minnesota	Feeders	Auction	990	60-90	Choice & fancy, S. St. Paul	60.00-65.00
Nebraska	Feeders	Auction	300	60-90	Choice & fancy, Palmyra	58.00-62.00
N. Dakota	Feeders	Auction	532	65-111	Choice & fancy, W. Fargo	60.00-70.00
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auctions	5,699	71-118	Choice & fancy	59.00-68.50
S. Dakota	Feeders	Auctions	4,636	51-86	Choice & fancy	68.50-81.00
Iowa	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	242		Utility & good, Sioux City/Kalona	18.00-32.25
Minnesota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	217		Utility & good, S. St. Paul	20.00-24.00
Nebraska	Sl. Ewes	Auction	200		Utility & good	28.00-32.00
N. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auction	122		Utility, West Fargo	18.00-22.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewes	Auctions	651		Utility and good	22.75-28.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewes	Auction	479		Yearlings (per head)	80.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewes	Auction	732		Solid-mouth and short-term (per head)	38.00-50.00
EASTERN						
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Pool	280	100-130	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	64.50-66.50
New York	Sl. Lambs	Pool	143	80-129	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3	59.00-67.00
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Pool	225	100-125	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	63.00-65.00
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Tele-Auction	163	90-125	Choice, few prime, YG 1-2	62.25-64.25
Michigan	Sl. Lambs	Auction	420	100-130	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	62.00-67.00
Ohio	Sl. Lambs	Auction	620	95-130	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	65.00-68.50
Penn.	Sl. Lambs	Auction	735	60-115	Choice, & few prime, YG 2-3, shorn/wool	63.00-85.00
Virginia	Sl. Lambs	Auctions	433	85-120	Good, choice, few prime, YG 1-3	58.00-73.00
Michigan	Feeders	Pool	400	60-90	Choice & fancy	64.00-69.50
Ohio	Feeders	Auction	125	65-98	Choice & fancy	63.00-70.00
Virginia	Feeders	Tele-Auction	113	50-85	Choice & fancy	82.00-83.00
Ohio	Sl. Ewes	Auction	123		Utility & good	22.00-28.50
Penn.	Sl. Ewes	Auction	230		Utility & good	15.00-35.00

Source: ASI Market Information/USDA

WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET AND DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET

W/E 10/22/93	FOB OMAHA BASIS	CAF NORTHEAST	CAF SO. CALIF.
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2			
55/DN			$1.42(carlot)
60/DN			$1.45-1.51
55-65		$1.60	
60-65			$1.45-1.50
65-75			$1.45-1.50
CARCASSES YG 1-3**			
55/DN			$1.45
60/DN			$1.40-1.48
60-65			$1.40-1.47
CARCASSES YG 1-4**			
55/DN	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	
55-65	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	
65-75	$1.35	$1.40-1.405	$1.40-1.47
75/UP	$1.32-1.35	$1.37-1.405	

BOXED LAMB CUTS: YG 1-4** DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE

		W/E 10/15/93 VOLUME	*PRICE RANGE	W/E 10/22/93 N.E. COAST	SO. CALIF.
3-Way	55/DN	1,300	$1.48-1.50		
	**YG 1-3	860	$1.55-1.70		
	**CERT.				
	55-65				
	**YG 1-3	125	$1.55-1.70		
	**CERT.	75	$1.60		
Rack, 8-rib	7/DN	800	$3.00-3.40	$3.30-3.45	
	7/UP	1,950	M$3.40-3.50	$3.35-3.50	
	YG 1-3 7/UP				**$3.45-3.55
Shoulder, cross cut		2,675	$1.00-1.05		
Chuck, sq cut, split		3,025	M$1.20	$0.90-1.05	**$1.10-1.25
Loin, 4-inch trim		2,340	M$3.40-3.55	$3.30-3.45	**$3.75-3.85
Legs, dbl trtr on		1,075	M$1.40-1.50	$1.35-1.45	**$1.60-1.75
Legs, sngl trtr off		2,800	M$1.50-1.55		**$2.05-2.15
Legs, sngl bnls		25	$2.15		
Breast, sq cut		350	$0.28-0.35	$0.25-0.35	
Foreshanks		1,615	M$1.10-1.25	$1.10-1.25	**$1.40-1.50
Ribs, Denver style		150	$1.25-1.40		
CERTIFIED CL YG 1-2					
Rack, 8-rib	7/DN	125	$3.15-3.30		
	7/UP	375	$3.35-3.75		$3.55
Chuck, sq cut, splt		595	$1.25-1.40		$1.25
Loins, 4-inch trim		125	$3.55-4.05		$3.80
Legs, dbl trtr on					$1.75
Legs, sngl trtr off		100	$1.62-1.90		$2.15
Legs, sngl bnls		30	$2.30-2.38		
Breasts, sq cut			435	$0.50-0.70	
Foreshanks		80	$1.05-1.25		$1.45

*BOX-COUNT BASIS, **YG 3 OR BETTER WHERE NOTED
M = MOSTLY (not full price range)

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/09/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
SHEEP	89,000	-2.2	-13.9	94,441	4,064,000	-5.9
CATTLE	662,000	+4.4	+3.1	628,974	26,605,000	+1.0
CALF	21,000	-8.7	-17.5	22,196	1,076,000	-13.3
HOGS	1,840,000	-1.3	-5.7	1,861,055	74,725,000	-2.5

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/02/93 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1993 vs 1992 TOTAL
LAMB	5.7	-0.8	-12.3	5.8	261.4	-3.4
BEEF	469.4	+3.2	+3.6	464.2	18,261.6	-0.1
VEAL	4.8	-7.6	-11.1	4.6	209.7	-12.2
PORK	337.0	-1.3	-5.0	338.5	13,099.7	-2.2
TOTAL	816.9	+1.2	-0.3	813.1	31,832.4	-1.1

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	64	10/09/93	93.3
10/02/93 (ACT.)	62	10/10/92	93.5

Comments

WHOLESALE CARCASS TRADE: Compared to last week, CAF East Coast, FOB Omaha, and CAF California carcass prices settled steady on all weights. Part of the reason for the steady market is the possibility of light supplies of lambs. Yield grade 3 or better carcasses weighing less than 65 lbs. traded steady at $150.00, FOB Omaha basis. Movement was moderate on mostly light to moderate offerings and a light to moderate demand.

Carcasses *Certified* by USDA Week Ending 10/15/93: 19,438, 21.4 percent of estimated slaughter.

USDA CUTOUT VALUE, W/E 10/22/93: NORTHEAST TRADE, BASED ON INDUSTRY YIELDS. This week's cutout for 65/down carcasses was valued at $153.40, up $0.25. The 65/up carcasses were valued at $153.95, down $0.60. Note: no adjustments were made for processing or distributing costs.

NATIONAL BOXED LAMB CUT TRADE: Compared to previous week, boxed lamb cuts traded slow with a generally steady market on most cuts. A steady to weak undertone prevailed on moderate offerings and a light to moderate demand.

DISTRIBUTIVE TRADE: In the Northeast distributive trade, 55/down carcasses traded steady compared to last week with prices ranging from $150.00-$155.00. Lamb cuts traded generally steady with a steady to firm market on loins. Racks and legs were unevenly steady. Movement was very slow to slow on light to moderate offerings and a very light to light demand.

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November 5-14

EDMONTON NORTHLANDS WOOL COMPETITION. *Entries close September 24, 1993. Each exhibitor or farm unit is allowed no more than two entries in any one class. There will be five classes including a coloured class. Fleeces to be received at Edmonton Northlands, November 4, 1993. For further information contact - Doug Laurie, Box 13, Site 10, R R #4, Stony Plain, TOE 2GO, 963-6711 or Jack Francis, 11647 - 73 Avenue, Edmonton, T6G 0E3, 436-5992.*

November 18

NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES. *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

November 19-21

TRAINING THE STOCK DOG CLINIC *at Del Pratt's Ranch at Esther, Alberta. Instructor will be Ron Gale. To enter call Del at 664-2053.*

November 20

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET *of the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders Association at the El Rancho Motor Hotel in Lethbridge. The meeting begins at 3:30 P.M. immediately following the Zone 2 A.S.W.C. meeting. The banquet will start with a no-host bar at 6:00 P.M. with dinner at 7:00 P.M. The guest speaker will be Bob Gilbert who is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Montana Wool Growers Association. Tickets can be reserved by phoning Pat DeBoer at 757-2419 or Verl Tolley at 553-2182.*

November 25-27	***1993 SHEEP SYMPOSIUM.*** *Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise, Alberta.*
November 27	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
December 1	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
December 6	***REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF MOUNTAIN VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.*** *All sheep producers whether long time or new welcome to attend. For more information call Joanne at 224-3026 or Mike at 224-3743.*
December 16	***NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Special Goat Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

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January 5	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*

January 20	***NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
January 29	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
February 2	***TRI-COUNTY SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION REGULAR MEETING.*** *Thorhild Agri-Plex (upstairs). 7:30 P.M. Contact Pat or Doug at 398-2305 or Mike at 398-3993 for further information.*
February 7	***REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF MOUNTAIN VIEW SHEEP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.*** *All sheep producers whether long time or new welcome to attend. For more information call Joanne at 224-3026 or Mike at 224-3743.*
February 11-13	***ADVANCED SHEARING SCHOOL.*** *Agriculture Canada Research Station, Lethbridge, Alberta. Instructor Mike McWilliam, Myrtle Creek, Oregon. This is not a beginner's course but is aimed at shearers who have already done some custom shearing. Please bring your own gear. Maximum of 15 students accepted. Applications must be received by January 15, 1994. See application in this issue.*
February 17	***NORTH CENTRAL SHEEP SALES.*** *Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. All sales begin at 1:30 P.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, R R #4, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), R R #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
February 26	***MONTHLY SHEEP AND GOAT SALE*** *at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. Look for display of Lazy 'S' Sheep Supplies. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

COMPARING DIFFERENT FEEDS

Hay quality is variable at the best of times and 1993 is no exception. Most first cut was rained on, so quality is reduced. The second cut came off in a little better shape but I have heard some very high prices being asked for it. I have been asking around and have heard prices of over $4.00 for square bales. I don't know about you but that's a little to rich for my blood.

After sheep are bred, for the first 15 weeks of pregnancy, they don't need second cut alfalfa. They will do fine on an average quality grass/legume mix. You don't want the ewes to be gaining a lot of weight or losing a lot of weight in early pregnancy. An exception to this is bred ewe lambs. Ewe lambs should be fed a high quality hay throughout their pregnancy. A pound of barley per head per day will also help them grow while pregnant.

The last 6 weeks of pregnancy and lactation (nursing) is where hay quality is important. Hay quality will make feeding lactating ewes easier. The hay you feed to lactating ewes is supplying protein and energy. Grain is a more concentrated source of energy than hay and is usually cheaper.

When you are feeding hay to supply protein, you want to know how much the protein costs. How do you calculate the cost of protein in 2000 lb of 14% hay, costing $80 a ton?

2000 x .14 = 280 lb of protein.
$80.00/ 280 lb = $.286 per lb of protein, assuming 100% dry matter.

If the hay is 16% moisture, the cost of protein on a dry matter basis increases to: .286/.84 = $.340 per lb.

Dehydrated alfalfa (dehy.) costs $137 per tonne, it is 17% protein and 10% moisture.

The protein in dehy costs: 2204 x .17 = 375 lb of protein
$137/ 375 lb = $.37 per lb of protein, .37/ .9 = $.41 per lb of protein on a dry matter basis.

The dehy seems to cost more. A couple of points need to be raised. It is very difficult to feed sheep hay without wasting 10-20% . It is very easy to feed dehy without any waste. The cost of dehy drops to $127 if you buy more than 2 tonne. This drops the cost of protein, on a dry matter basis, to $ .38 per lb. When you include the waste factor, the dehy can be cost competitive.

It is obvious that we must watch costs when producing lambs. I hope this article points out that several factors must be considered when comparing feeds.

Wray Whitmore

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST

ADVANCED SHEARING SCHOOL

to be held in Canada in 10 years

February 11-13, 1994

Agriculture Canada Research Station

Lethbridge, Alberta

Instructor: Mike McWilliam, Myrtle Creek Oregon
-over 20 years experience in shearing, sheared 15 sheep in 19 minutes, 40 seconds with almost no second cuts at the 1993 US Shearing Championship

This is not a beginner's course. It is aimed at shearers who have already done some custom shearing. Please bring your own gear

Maximum of 15 students accepted

If you are interested, please complete the attached application

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15

ADVANCED SHEARING SCHOOL FOR CUSTOM SHEARERS

FEBRUARY 11-13, 1994
Agriculture Canada Research Station, Lethbridge, Alberta

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission, Alberta Agriculture and Agriculture Canada will sponsor a 3-day advanced shearing school at the Agriculture Canada Sheep Barn from Thursday through Saturday, February 11-13, 1994.

The instructor will be Mike McWilliam, one of the best shearers in the US, with over 20 years experience in shearing and competitions in North America.

This school is specifically designed as a workshop for custom shearers. Mike will work with each individual shearer to improve his particular shearing technique. A considerable portion of the school will also be devoted to the proper use and maintenance of shearing gear and students will bring their own equipment to the school. Instruction will be given on handpiece adjustment, sharpening techniques, shearer's exercises, competition shearing and judging. A professional attitude will be stressed, especially in relation to second cuts, fleece condition and proper handling of sheep. **Tuition for the 3-day course is $100. The registration deadline is January 15 and enrollment is limited to 15 shearers.**

Additional information can be obtained from Kim Stanford or Terry Sheen, Alberta Agriculture, Bag 3014, Agriculture Centre, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 (office: (403) 381-5150; home (403) 381-1648).

REGISTRATION FORM
Advanced Shearing School
February 11-13, 1994, Lethbridge

Complete & Return to: Kim Stanford
Bag 3014
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7 (403) 381-5150

RETURN BY JANUARY 15, 1994

Name:_____ Telephone Number(__)_____

Address:_____ Number of Sheep Shorn
Last year (approx):_____

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Registration fee is $100: $100 x _____ $_____
(no. of persons)

Total enclosed: $_____

Please make cheques payable to **THE ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION**

The tuition of $100 covers the full 3 day course. Please plan on attending all 3 days since there is so much to cover. No new students can join the course after it begins on Thursday February 11.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has for sale quality Texel/ Dorset/Finn, Finn/Dorset and purebred ewes & rams from multiple births. Flock is on ROP. Visitors are welcome. Call Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (11)

SUFFOLK RAMS & ewe lambs. ROP tested. Clean flock. Bonnie, Spruce View, 728-3787 (11)

REGISTERED SUFFOLK rams & ewe lambs. 25 years on ROP testing. Brian, Spruce View, 728-3744 (11)

130 EWES. Exposed August 18. Hampshire/ Columbia/Suffolk crosses. $80/head. Keith, Delia, 364-2029 (11)

FLOCK REDUCTION - 300 ewes to choose from. Also 2 Suffolk rams pure (not papered), 1 Polypay (not papered) ram. Mary, Hines Creek, 494-2459 (11)

6 - 1 yr Finn/Suffolk rams - asking $100.00. A flock of 20 Finn/Suffolk yearling ewe lambs - should lamb in December-January. 20 older ewes - Suffolk. Asking $75.00 if buyer takes all. Pat Box 6019, Innisfail, T4G 1S7 (11)

1 SUFFOLK ram. 3 yrs old. $100.00. Colleen Kromm, Alix, 747-2126 (11)

RAMS. 2 yr olds. Suffolk/Rambouillet cross. Clean Stock. Also 2 yr old ewes. Walter Rusel, Cochrane, 932-6811 (11)

COMMERCIAL FLOCKS. Are you missing out on producing an excellent cross lamb crop. Take a look at the Romney rams available to you from Windhaven Acres. Try one, we think you will be presently surprised at the results. Garry or Doreen, Windhaven Acres, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (11)

EXCELLENT SELECTION of Rideau & Canadian Arcott rams & Canadian Arcott ewe lambs including: - 5 proven senior Rideau rams, 4 yearling Rideau rams & some 1993 rams. The Rideau flock has been selected primarily for milk yield & fertility. Also 5 proven senior Canadian rams, 4 yearling Canadian rams & some 1993 rams. The Canadians have been intensively selected for efficiency of lean meat gain, using ROP records & ultrasound measurements. Medicine Ridge Arcotts, Bentley, 748-2624 (11)

14 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Canadian Arcott cross sheep & 1 Canadian Arcott ram. Keith, Rocky Mtn House, 845-7202 (11)

2 - 2 YR old Suffolk rams & 1 - 3 yr old Suffolk ram. Bob, Warburg, 848-2691 (11)

DISPERSAL HEALTHY herd - 190 open Suffolk & Suffolk/Columbia cross ewes. Suitable for B.C. pasturing. Will sell as a herd for $65.00 each. Leonard Bougerolle, Ponoka, 783-5548 (11)

3 YR old Southdown/Suffolk cross rams. Producer of triplets & quadruplets. Available after October 15/93. 2 yr old ewe Rambouillet/Suffolk cross. 4 working quarters. Had twins both years. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5462 (11)

1 PUREBRED Southdown ram lamb. No papers. $100.00. Southdowns & crosses rams & ewe lambs. $50/head. Gabriel, Drayton Valley, 542-3007 (11)

SHEDDING SHEEP, purebred Katahdin hair rams - $250-$400. Variety of ewes - $150-$300. Rod, Bonnyville, 826-5783 (11)

3/4+ ROMANOV ram lamb. From winning 4-H ewe. Tricia Barott, Vulcan, 599-2141 (11)

REGISTERED POLYPAY ram. Born Sept '92. $125.00. Betty, Ardrossan, 922-5767 (11)

COMPLETE FLOCK of 26 ewes - Suffolk crosses & Columbia crosses. Also 1 yr old Suffolk ram. Merle or Ida, Hardisty, 888-2411 (pls leave message) (11)

FLOCK DISPERSAL - 40 Suffolk sheep, 2 purebred Suffolk rams. Excellent starter flock. Janet, Ponoka, 783-6736 (11)

PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram (twin) registered, 18 months old, proven breeder, purchased at Olds Ram Test Sale - $250.00. PJZ Farm, Calgary, 286-8354 (11)

CLUN FOREST ram lambs. Add this breeds maternal strengths, easy lambing, thriftiness and prolificacy to your flock. Inquire with Dennis Lapierre, Habitat Farm, Falkland (near Vernon), B.C., phone/fax 604-379-2642 (11)

8 SUFFOLK ewes - 4 ewe lambs in excellent condition, triplets & twins - weight 112-135 lbs; 4 proven good mothers - 2 yr old ewes: 2 Waco bloodline. Weight 185-225 lbs. Can be registered. Also 3 Suffolk rams. Julie, Chetwynd, B.C., 604-788-2542 (11)

1 PUREBRED mature Dorset ram. Fall born. Excellent sire for females. Windhover breeding. 1 purebred mature Suffolk ram. John, Didsbury, 335-9155 (11)

FLOCK DISPERSAL of good commercial Rambouillet/ Suffolk ewes. Jack, Calgary, 243-8250 (11)

SUFFOLK RAMS. Jan-Feb born. Purebred but not registered. Gary, Leduc, 986-8797 (11)

PUREBRED CLUN Forest sheep - ewes & rams & also crossbreds. Norma, Mayerthorpe, 786-4431 (11)

PUREBRED JANUARY born ram lambs for sale or rent. Already used this year. 2 Suffolk & 1 Rideau-Arcott. $100 plus deposit to rent all three for the season. Bergit, High River, 652-2278 (11)

WHITE FACED ewe lambs. Ready for breeding. Excellent wool quality. Rambouillet/Columbia/Merino crosses. Also some rams. B. Sept, Walsh, 937-2503 (11)

DISPERSAL - 400 Suffolk & Suffolk/Rambouillet cross. Mike, Rolling Hills, 964-3917 (11)

1 PUREBRED papered & proven 3 yr old Romanov ram - $200 OBO. 2 31/32 Romanov ram lambs (Mar/Apr '93) - $150 each OBO. 1 exceptionally marked black '92 yearling ram - $100 OBO. 2 black commercial rams, Jan '93 - $75 OBO. Commercial ewe flock reduction - primarily Suffolk (some Dorset) ewes from ewe lambs to 6 yr olds. Spicer Farms, Cochrane, 932-4903 (11)

120 EWES. Average over 200% lambing in spring '93. Columbia/Suffolk cross. 3 purebred Romanov rams. No papers but experienced breeders. 2 yrs old. Shane, Falher, 925-2436 (11)

PUREBRED SUFFOLK rams. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (11)

3 1/2 YEAR old purebred registered triplet Romanov ram. Proven good breeder, John or Marie, Sterling, 756-2160 (11)

HURRY - THERE'S still some left! High percentage Romney ewes & ewe lambs from clean, healthy flock. Great dual purpose sheep with excellent spinning fleeces. Also a few colored ewes. Reason for selling - flock reduction. Esther, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (11)

3 REGISTERED yearling Suffolk rams, reasonably priced & excellent breeding. Also 2 North Country Cheviot ewe lambs. Greg, Olds, 335-4136 (12)

EWES & LAMBS. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (12)

5 REGISTERED Columbian ewes. John, Edson, 723-7285 (After 6 PM - pls leave message) (12)

SMALL FLOCK - 20 mature Suffolk bred ewes. $100 OBO. Bonnie, Nanton, 646-5638 (12)

ONLY 3 registered North Country Cheviot rams are left. All our ewes are sold. Lyle/Doreen, Red Water, 942-0184 (12)

18 NORTH Country Cheviot ewes. Mary, Onoway, 967-4317 (12)

FLOCK DISPERSAL. 250 Rambouillet/Romanov cross ewes. 1-5 yrs old. John, Picture Butte, 738-4388 (12)

FLOCK DISPERSAL. Young flock, mostly Dorset. Approximately 68 ewes & 44 ewe lambs. 2 purebred Dorset rams. Excellent lambing results. Laurie, Rolling Hills, 964-2208 (12)

YEARLING RAMBOUILLET rams, outstanding quality, from flock that produced the 1993 Grand Champion at Calgary. Kim, Olds, 556-8202 (12)

MOORE-HAUSER Sheep & R.J. Shown Co. offers starter packages of quality registered purebred Suffolk or Columbia ewe lambs. Open or exposed to some of North America's top stud rams. For more details call Warren Moore, Stavely, 549-2464 (12)

REGISTERED KATAHDIN sheep, mature breeding stock. Barbados Blackbelly sheep, mature breeding stock. Pair of Soay sheep, miniature sheep, shed their wool naturally, curled horns. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (12)

FOR SALE - GOATS

MEAT GOAT herd. Some heavy milkers - mostly Alpine cross. Does & doe kids. Also 1 purebred Alpine buck and 1 - 6 month old Alpine/Nubian cross buck kid. Mary, Hines Creek, 494-2459 (11)

NANNY GOATS - $20.00 - $45.00. Rod, Bonnyville, 826-5783 (11)

PYGMYS - SMALL males & females, all colors. Ready for breeding. Several males are polled. $75-$100. PJZ Farm, Calgary, 286-8354 (11)

1 - 6 yr old Nubian nanny. 1 - 7 yr old Saanen nanny. $65 each. Gabriel, Drayton Valley, 542-3007 (11)

FAINTING GOATS - Bi & tri colored. Born end of August. Doug, Penhold, 886-2567 (11)

ALPINE/NUBIAN cross does & bucks. Born Feb '93. Does are bred to a meat buck. Some kids are polled. Rena, Rocky Mtn House, 845-2707 (12)

2 SAANEN milking does, 1 - 18 month old Saanen buck, proven breeder, 1 Saanen buck born in April 1993. All are healthy, have been tested. Tame & friendly, tatooed & papered. Erika, Carstairs, 337-2496 (home) or Olds, 556-2299 (work) (12)

6 PYGMY goats, 2 males, 4 females. Will sell all for $400.00. Gloria or Jim, Sherwood Park, 467-5725 (12)

FOR SALE - DOGS

PYREENES PUPS. Gene, Bluffton, 843-3493 (11)

GREAT PYREENES pups. From working parents. Ready to go mid-October. Cathy, Okotoks, 938-4227 (11)

4 BORDER Collie puppies. Ready to go end of October. Father imported from Scotland. Has worked on grazing project. Would make an excellent cattle dog. Mother too young to be trained but shows great promise. Father also for sale as we don't have enough work for him. Jane or Jeff, Spirit River, 864-2133 (11)

REGISTERED BORDER Collies, young adults & young puppies. Lisa, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9546 (11)

BORDER COLLIE pups, started & trained dogs. Top imported lines. Also guardian dogs & puppies. Every sale guaranteed to suit the purchaser. Ron, Sundre, 638-2836 (12)

UNPAPERED PUREBRED Commodore dogs. Todd, Lindbergh, 724-4372 (12)

GREAT PYRENEES pups, 8 weeks old, shots. $350 + GST. Beiseker, 947-3948 (12)

MARREMA PUPPIES, excellent livestock guardians. Don't wander from home. Cameron, Red Deer, 340-3862 (12)

FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

4 SHEEP sheds (8 X 20, 8 X 16) and lambing jugs. Janet, Ponoka, 783-6736 (11)

LLAMA - MATURE gelding. Experienced as predator control in sheep flocks. Gentle disposition. Mueller Llamas, Olds, 556-2667 (11)

1 - 400 gallon zero bulk tank with auto wash & compressor. Complete with controls. Stainless steel pipeline system & sink. Also used Heiniger 3" shears with 8 jet cutters & 4 combs - $375.00. Grant, Breton, 696-2013 (11)

LAMBING PENS, 3' x 4' panels. Shane, Falher, 925-2436 (11)

MINIATURE JACK donkeys. Raised with sheep. For predator control or make great pets. Esther, Hals 1/2 Aker, Winfield, 403-682-3742 (11)

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100 CROSSBRED ewes. Finn/Suffolk, Finn/Dorset. All good producers. $75 each. Will trade for oats. Will sell in smaller lots. John, Jarvie, 954-2445 (evenings) (11)

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FOR LEASE

CONTRACTORS THAT are interested in leasing large flock for upcoming season contact Grant Leroux, Tisdale, Saskatchewan, 306-873-2208 (11)

SHEARER AVAILABLE

SHEARER AVAILABLE. Edmonton area. Philip Spence, 437-5889 (11)

SHEARER AVAILABLE - Will do sheep or goats. Brian, Rimbey, 696-3605 (11)

WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS, cull ewes & breeding ewes. John, Westlock, 349-5203 (No Sunday calls please) (11)

PUREBRED PAPERED Romanov ram or will trade 3 yr old purebred papered & proven Romanov ram. Spicer Farms, Cochrane, 932-4903 (11)

WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

OLD NEWSPAPERS. Pre-1960. Sheep related if possible. Will look at any quantity. Garry, Arrowwood, 534-2144 (11)

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CARDER. Lorraine Case, Whitecourt, 778-3887 (11)

INTERESTED IN purebred Romanov fleece. Cleaned & carded. Also interested in other natural fibres (mohair). June, Edmonton, 431-2868 (11)

1 REASONABLY priced sheep scale. Larry, Vermilion, 853-6317 (12)

HELP WANTED

WE NEED help with our Jan-Feb lambing. Room & board provided & a negotiable salary, weekends off. For further information contact Wendy, Chipman, 363-3858 (W) or 363-2190 (H), Chipman (12)

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